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Mendocino Complex Information — September 15, 2018

WILLOWS, Calif. — Throughout the weekend, crews will monitor fire activity and repair firelines on the Ranch Fire. There are 36 miles of fireline still to repair. Fire suppression repair work consists of cutting hazard trees to ensure firefighters are working in safe areas, reducing dirt berms, spreading cut vegetation and building water bars to minimize soil erosion.

Fire Closure Area: The Ranch Fire area is closed as described in Forest Order 08-18-15. The purpose of the closure is to provide for public safety, and for the firefighters who are engaged in repair efforts within the Ranch Fire closure area. The closure area applies to all public use, including hunting, the use of firearms and off-highway vehicles. The northern half of the forest is open for outdoor activities.

The B-Zone deer hunting season opened Saturday, Sept. 15 and will continue until Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018. Forest visitors need to exercise extreme caution and be alert to heavy equipment and firefighting vehicles utilizing roads in areas around the fire closure. Visitors can contact the ranger station nearest their destination for current information. For a high-resolution closure map, please use the following link: https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/map/6073/0/88371

The Mendocino Complex: Management of the Mendocino Complex will transition from Southern California Interagency Incident Management Team 3 to NorCal Incident Management Team 1 on Monday. The Ranch Fire is 98 percent contained. The remaining two percent is located in extremely steep, rocky terrain and is far too dangerous for firefighters to construct direct fireline. The section will likely remain that way until a season ending weather event occurs. A season ending weather event typically includes persistent precipitation across a two or three-day period, with no hot and dry weather conditions in the long-term weather forecast. The River Fire is 100 percent contained.

For detailed Mendocino Complex information visit: https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6073/ Please note: The next Mendocino Complex update will be Monday, Sept. 17.

Table with 4 columns: RANCH FIRE STATUS, RIVER FIRE STATUS, MENDOCINO COMPLEX TOTALS. Rows include Incident Type, Cause, Acreage, Containment, Total Acreage, Total Containment, Expected Full Containment, Personnel, Engines, Hand Crews, Helicopters, Dozers, Civilian Injuries/Fatalities, Firefighter Injuries, Firefighter Fatalities, Structures Threatened, Structures Destroyed, Structures Damaged.