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Red Salmon Complex UPDATE

Tuesday, October 27, 2020



Total Acres	Containment	Crews	Engines	Dozers	Helicopters	Water Tenders	Total Personnel
143,826	78%	8	14	6	6	8	420

On July 27, 2020 Firefighters from the Klamath, Shasta-Trinity, and Six Rivers National Forests, and Hoopa tribe, began responding late in the evening to several reported lightning fires. These lightning fires started after a series of strong thunderstorms moved through the area. While most fires on the Forests were kept relatively small with swift and decisive containment efforts, the Red and Salmon Fires merged into one.

As of October 27, 143,826 acres have burned at 78% containment (1,439 acres of growth, less than 1% growth). Through three different weather events, i.e. Red Flag Warnings, we have only had a .9% acreage growth over this 14day assignment.

On Wednesday, October 28, at 7:00 AM, California Incident Management Team (IMT) 12 will transfer Command of the Red Salmon Complex back to the Six Rivers, Shasta-Trinity, and Klamath National Forests Type 3 Fire Management Teams in cooperation with the Hoopa Tribe.

CAIIMT 12 will leave the new organizations with firefighting resources needed to successfully carry out the mission for suppression activity, mop-up, back haul, and suppression repair work. The mission has not changed, the protection of all local communities and other values at risk is still a priority. Direct suppression operations where the terrain allows it to be done safely is a primary focus. Where direct suppression tactics becomes too risky to insert firefighters, due to steep and rough terrain, helicopters will continue to be used extensively for bucket drops.

Cecilville Camp resources have been relocated to Petersburg Station, per the local Forest's wishes. Two helicopter assets will be released Oct 29, and two will remain at Scott Valley for patrol and suppression activity. Direct line construction continues using Minimum Impact Suppression Tactics (MIST) using the natural features of the terrain, creeks, and rivers in areas like Plummer Creek near Dees Peak. Suppression repair work and equipment back haul operations carry on within the remaining divisions. Some crews have shifted operations from suppression operations to suppression repair work while working closely with resource advisors (READS) who help direct this work to protect natural and cultural resources in healing the land, and preparing it for winter weather.

Fire has been minimally active each day, with smoke visible from all directions in the late afternoon. Fire crews and aircraft continue to engage the fire, create new control lines, and enforce existing ones. Fire in the interior will have limited active burning again each day as the inversion breaks. Fire managers on the Red Salmon Complex are safely engaging this fire while prioritizing firefighter and public safety and protecting values at risk. Life safety will always remain the number one priority. COVID-19 mitigations were and remain a focus to limit exposure risks to firefighters and the public, per CDC guidelines.

Closures: For Firefighter and public safety, fire officials remind visitors that areas and roads within and near the perimeter of the fire are closed. More information is available on forest websites: www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/klamath/alerts-notices | www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/srnf/alerts-notices | www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/stnf/alerts-notices