



August 17, 2013, 8:00 a.m.
For Immediate Release

BUTLER FIRE

Butler Fire Information (530) 618-2101 -- Salmon River Complex Fire (530) 841-4451

Detected: Wednesday, July 31, 10:00pm
Location: 10 miles east of Somes Bar, CA
Estimated Size: 14,869
Containment: 24%

Cause: Under Investigation
Fuels: Timber and Brush
Committed Resources: 1,052
Structures Damaged or Destroyed: 0

Summary:

Last night firefighters continued to provide structure protection for Butler Flat and Forks of Salmon areas and patrolled along the Salmon River to keep the fire from crossing the road. No planned ignitions occurred on the north end of the fire as the relative humidity was too high.

Today, firefighters will patrol and hold the fire containment line along the Salmon River Road and suppress any spot fires. They will also mop-up hot spots within 50 feet of the fire perimeter. Firefighters will continue structure protection within the fire area. Fire crews will continue line construction and prepare to support planned backing fire operations southeast of the fire. Crews will scout and continue indirect line construction south and southwest of the fire area. On the west side of the fire, crews will prepare to support future firing operations. Firefighters working on the north end of the fire, plan to complete backing firing operations on the ridge above Butler Flat, if conditions allow. Crews will scout for opportunities to construct direct line in Butler Creek.

Fire Behavior and Weather Conditions:

Burning conditions will be moderated with slightly above normal relative humidity values. A shift in winds will occur this afternoon, becoming northwest. Air operations will be limited by smoke until at least the early afternoon. Drainages will be smoky early today and may not clear out until later this afternoon.

Closures:

- Bow season for deer hunting opens August 8, 2013. Hunters are reminded that a Forest Order is in effect around the Butler Fire and Salmon River complex on the Klamath and Six Rivers National Forests. To see the full Forest Closure Order, visit: www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5430601.pdf.
- Highway 93 (Forks of Salmon Road) is closed at the Highway 96 intersection and above the Forks of Salmon store.
- No access to North Fork/Sawyers Bar Road is available at this time.

Health Advisory:

The North Coast Unified Air Quality Management Department is providing daily notifications of any Air Quality health advisories or alerts. Or further information, call the NCUAQMD 24-hour Air Quality Advisory Information at 1-866-BURN DAY (1-866-287-6329) or visit the District's website at www.ncuaqmd.org or the Siskiyou County Pollution Control District at www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/AG/apc.aspx.

Remarks: At this time, an **Evacuation Advisory** remains in effect in and around Forks of Salmon. Please see www.inciweb.org/incident/3577/ for updates and a map. For information on preparing your home for an evacuation visit the Ready Set Go website: www.ReadyforWildfire.org

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