



COMMUNITY MEETING NOTICE: Sunday, August 18 @ 3:00pm at the Forks Community Center

August 17, 2013, 8:00 p.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: 1,000
Structures Damaged or Destroyed: 0

Operational Objectives – Keep the Butler Fire:

- South and west of the Salmon River to Hotelling Ridge.
- East of Somes Mountain down to Orleans Mountain continuing to Salmon Summit.
- South of line from Somes Mountain to Butler Flat.
- North of the Siskiyou/Trinity County line from Salmon Summit to Hotelling Ridge.

Incident Summary:

Today, firefighters began constructing direct fire line along McNeal Creek. If the fire is successfully held here, it will reduce the need to burn out the area up to Hotelling Ridge.

This evening, firefighters will continue structure assessment and protection along the eastern side of the fire area, and support firing operations if needed to keep the fire from crossing the Salmon River.

Fire Behavior and Environmental Conditions:

A predicted dry unstable air mass arriving later this evening will bring hotter and dryer weather over the fire the next few days. Very steep terrain, snags, burning material with roll-out potential, and the need to construct containment lines in hard to access areas, continue to hamper firefighters' ability to construct direct line. The fire continues to slowly spread towards western and northwestern constructed firelines. Dry fuels continue to be receptive to spot fires. Air operations are limited due to the smoke inversion that lifts late in the afternoon. Smoke from the Butler Fire and neighboring fires continue to impact air quality and visibility.

Closures:

- Bow season for deer hunting opened August 17, 2013. Hunters are reminded that a Forest Closure 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 (Salmon River Road) is closed at the Highway 96 intersection. It is also closed south of Forks of Salmon at the intersection of Highway 93 (Salmon River Road) and Sawyer Bar Road.
- North Fork/Sawyers Bar Road is closed to the public at this time.

Health Advisory:

The North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District is providing daily notifications of any Air Quality health advisories or alerts. For additional information, call the NCUAQMD 24-hour Air Quality Advisory Information line at 1-866-BURN DAY (1-866-287-6329), 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:

There is a community meeting planned for Sunday afternoon, August 18, at 3:00pm, in Forks of Salmon, CA at the Forks Community Center. 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 how to prepare for an evacuation, visit the *Ready Set Go* website at www.ReadyforWildfire.org.

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