



A community meeting will be held in the Karuk Community Hall in Orleans on Tuesday, 8/20/13 at 6:00 p.m.

August 19, 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:** 16,776  
**Containment:** 30%

**Cause:** Under Investigation  
**Fuels:** Timber and Brush  
**Committed Resources:** 1,005  
**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:** The smoke inversion remained over the fire area until 2:30 this afternoon. Fire activity increased after the inversion lifted and the relative humidity decreased. The main fire and spot fire grew together near Cold Spring on the ridge south of McNeal Creek.

Firefighters continue to patrol for any potential spot fires across the Salmon River Road. In the McNeal Creek area, firefighters will continue their efforts to keep the fire in check. Above the Butler Creek area, crews will monitor as the fire continues to advance towards current control lines near Orleans Lookout. Indirect line construction will continue tomorrow.

Firefighters will maintain a presence amid the structures in the Salmon River corridor.

**Fire Behavior and Environmental Conditions:** *A Fire Weather Watch for possible thunderstorms is in effect this evening through Wednesday, 11 p.m., due to potential lightning combined with dry fuel conditions.* This could result in increased fire activity and spread.

### Closures:

- Bow season for deer hunting opened Aug. 17, 2013. Hunters are reminded 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](http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5430601.pdf).
- The Salmon River Road is closed between Forks of Salmon and the junction with Highway 96 at Somes Bar.
- 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](http://www.ncuaqmd.org), or the Siskiyou County Pollution Control District at [www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/AG/apc.aspx](http://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/AG/apc.aspx).

**Evacuation Advisory:** At this time, an Evacuation Advisory remains in effect in and around Forks of Salmon. Please see [www.inciweb.org/incident/3577/](http://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](http://www.ReadyforWildfire.org).

**Remarks:** Please be careful with anything that can cause a spark. Motorists can inadvertently create a trail of sparks along the highway, igniting wildfires. Simple actions may prevent costly fires: shorten towing safety chains to be sure they do not drag on the roadway; check tire pressure, wheel bearings, breaks, and make sure no metal parts are dragging underneath the vehicle; and carry a small fire extinguisher in case an accident creates a fire start. More fire safety information is available at <http://www.preventwildfireca.org>. Please report all fires or any suspicious activity by calling 9-1-1.

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