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Fire Update

Route & Mad River Complex

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Headlines

- The Route Complex is 34,350 acres, 37% contained. The Mad River Complex is 30,084 acres, 65% contained.
- Daytime temperatures on the line today will be in the high 80s with humidity levels in the low 20s.
- Firefighters continue to work with drought stressed fuels, steep terrain, inaccessibility, and changing weather conditions.
- Portions of the Shasta-Trinity and Six Rivers National Forest are closed to public use due to fire activity. See the individual forest websites for details.
- The Northern Rockies Incident Management Team has entered into unified command with Cal Fire due to fire threatening the State Response Area (SRA) west of the Lassic Fire.
- A public meeting will be held at the VFD in Hyampom today 8/20 at 4pm.
- A public meeting will be held at the Lamb Creek Christian Center at 5:30pm tomorrow 8/21.

- **Road Closures**
  - Highway 36 at the South Fork Mountain Summit (mile post 9.29) east to Lower Rattlesnake Road (mile marker 22).
  - Forest Route 1, 5 miles north of Highway 36 at Forest Service Road 2N12. Forest Service Road 4N18.
  - End of Kerlin Road in the Hyampom community.
  - Forest Service Roads 1S07, 1S08, 1S11, 2S08 and 1S23 from Van Duzen Road.
- **Evacuations**
  - Mandatory evacuations are now in effect east of the Lassic Fire due to fire activity. The area includes the 8 residences along the 1S14 Rd. south of the 1S07 Rd., west of Van Duzen Rd. Residents in the Forest Glen area remain under a mandatory evacuation order.
  - Mandatory evacuation at the end of Kerlin Creek Road. Voluntary evacuations include the St Johns Road, Wintoon Flat, Waldorf Flat, Grel Ranch and Oak Flat.
  - Advisory Evacuation: Residents in the Swayback Ridge area remain under an evacuation advisory.

Buck Fire (*1,669 acres 100% contained*)

Johnson Fire (*32,681 acres and 29% contained*) Crews conducted successful burnout operations on the north end moving those portions of the fire toward holding status. The majority of the east side of the fire near Hyampom is in holding status. Crews have made significant progress securing and preparing line on the western side of the Johnson Fire in anticipation of favorable conditions for a burnout. Continued burnout operations are planned for the south end of the fire. Burn out operations will clean up the fire edge, removing unburned fuels and greatly reducing the chance of reburn.

Pickett Fire (*10,935 acres, 78 percent contained*) The fire has backed down to Highway 36, and debris continues to create a hazard on the highway. Steep embankments along Highway 36 pose a risk for debris to roll out and get below the road resulting in possible spot fires. Structure protection crews remain in the Forest Glen area.

Lassic Fire (*10,870 acres, 24 percent contained*) The fire continues to spread to the east, west, and south. The fire continues to back down the west flank and may make significant runs. Structure defense is in place in the Rutledge Area.

Gobbler Fire (*8,279 acres, 100 percent contained*) Although residents may see smoke coming from the interior, the containment line is secure and crews will remain in the area performing mop up.

Visit Inciweb http://www.inciweb.org and click on the ***Route Complex*** and ***Mad River Complex*** ***for*** more information.

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