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Fire Update



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Orleans Complex Update – August 9, 2017

EUREKA, California, August 9, 2017 – A Red Flag Warning is in effect this afternoon for the fire area and most of northern California for abundant lightning, scattered thunderstorms, and gusty winds.

Monday’s lightning sparked seven new fires that were added to the Orleans Complex. Crews worked hard to locate, assess values at risk, and begin suppression and confinement measures. This included ordering smokejumpers and hotshot crews to access the remote fires in steep and rugged terrain. A late developing thunderstorm yesterday brought more lightning and rain to the fire area. Today crews will continue to work to contain existing fires and respond to any new fires.

The Orleans Complex is now estimated at 5033 acres with total containment at 11%. The East Zone of the complex includes the Ukonom Fire at 3800 acres (40% contained), the Burney Fire at 970 acres (0% contained), and the Frank Fire at 13 acres (0% contained), Zulu 1 at 1 acres (100% contained), Zulu 2 at 0.1 acres (100% contained), Zulu 3 at 3 acres (50% contained), Zulu 4 at 4 acres (100% contained), Zulu 5 at .5 acres (100% contained), and Zulu 6 at 12 acres (0% contained).

The Dill Fire is the newest fire in the West zone. Located on Dillon Mountain, the fire was contained at 0.1 acres. The Forks Fire remains the largest at 244 acres (0% contained). A strong inversion continued to hamper growth of these fires. Crews continue to use a confinement strategy focused on existing roads and fire lines to reduce the hazards to firefighters, and keep fires in remote areas of the National Forest to protect heritage, cultural and natural resources.

Total Personnel	Crews	Engines	Dozers	Water Tenders	Helicopters
611	16	13	15	12	6

Cooperators on the incident include representatives from the Karuk, Yurok and Hoopa Tribes, California Conservation Corps, and Cal Trans.

A portion of the Happy Camp Ranger District in the vicinity of the Ukonom Fire is closed to public entry for the duration of the fire due to the risks associated with an active wildfire. The closure stretches from the east bank of the Klamath River east to the Independence Creek Road and includes Ukonom Creek. Please review Klamath National Forest, Emergency Closure order number 17-05-797 for complete details at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/article/5433/37176/>.

The Six Rivers National Forest remains under fire restrictions. Details about these restrictions can be found on the forest website at www.fs.usda.gov/srnf. For more information, smoke forecasts, maps and photographs visit the Orleans Complex Inciweb site at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5430/>.

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