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McCash Fire Update

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https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7757/

STATS: 93,245 acres | 56% contained
588 Personnel | 12 Crews | 23 Engines | 4 Dozers | 2 Masticators | 9 Water Tenders | 7 Aircraft

ORLEANS, Calif. – Containment line was added in the northeast corner of the McCash Fire from Huckleberry Mountain to just north of Buckhorn Mountain and closed the gaps in the Black Mountain area and Bishop Bowl. This will likely be the last containment line added to the fire as focus shifts to repair operations along the western edge and the eastern edge of the fire runs into natural barriers. Repair efforts include erosion control, hazard tree removal, and road rehabilitation. All of which increase public and firefighter safety and help the forest regenerate.

Fire activity is minimal; smoldering and slowly creeping through fuels. Today and through the weekend, the warmer weather will dry fuels and fire activity may increase but remain at a low level. Smoke production will likely increase and remaining hot spots will become more visible, which will assist crews to mop up and extinguish heat near the line. Patrol and mop-up will continue as needed along the perimeter while suppression repair is underway.

With fall hunting underway, please watch for firefighters as they work in the forest. Always use caution in fire-impacted areas. Watch out for snag hazards, ash pits, rockfall, and heavy equipment on the roads.

Closures: The Six Rivers National Forest issued a new forest closure order yesterday and closures remain in effect on the Klamath National Forest. Please respect the fire closure for your safety and firefighter safety. For more information and maps of the closed areas, see: https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/article/7757/66325/ or https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/klamath/alerts-notices and https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/srnf/alerts-notices

Evacuations: Siskiyou County has lifted McCash Fire Evacuation Warnings for the following areas: Along Highway 96 south of Ukonom Creek, East of Somes Bar near Steinacher Creek, Marble Mountain Wilderness Area near Hell Hole Ridge, South Fork Wooley Creek, Canyon Creek, Tompkins Creek, Grider Ridge, East Fork Elk Creek area, Titus Creek, Clear Creek, and Dillon Creek. See a map at: https://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/evacuations

COVID-19: Four people associated with the McCash Fire tested positive for COVID-19 on September 27. These are the first cases since August 11. The incident medical team conducted contact tracing and testing to ensure all positive cases were identified and people who may have been exposed are tested daily. COVID-19 precautions and mitigations remain a high priority on this incident. All personnel connected to the fire are stringently following federal, state, and local guidance.

Smoke and air quality: Current morning conditions show all monitors in the forecast area registering good air quality. Terrain-driven smoke coupled with winds from the north and northeast will move any smoke south and southwest throughout the day. Based on minimal burn activity on this fire, expect all surrounding communities to be in the good AQI all day with any early morning settled smoke lifting around noon. Yesterday smoke pooled in the Wooley Creek drainage and similar activity is expected today. Get the latest updates on air quality and the smoke forecast here: https://www.wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlooks/CaliforniaNorthCoast Also see: https://fire.airnow.gov/ for regional smoke conditions and https://www.epa.gov/smoke-ready-toolbox-wildfires for tips on how to avoid the effects of smoke.

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