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# Big Windy Complex Fire Information Update

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## Sunday, August 4, 2013 – 9:00 p.m. PDT Fire Status Update

Fire	Acres	% Contained	Total Personnel
Big Windy Complex	7,499	0%	932
Jenny	2,114		
Calvert Peak	143		
Big Windy	5,242		

### Highlights for the Big Windy Complex:

- Tonight, crews will begin a burnout operation along the SW section of Big Windy, moving in a southeasterly direction. Crews will burn from the Bear Camp Road and dozer line creating a large black area between the fire and the containment line.
- Resources assigned to the burnout operation includes 5 Type 1 hotshot crews, 2 skidgens, 8 engines, an additional 20-person initial attack crew, 3 safety officers and additional medical personnel.
- Projected containment date for the Big Windy Complex is September 1, 2013

### Big Windy Complex Operations Summary:

**Ground Operations:** Fire behavior today was moderate and firefighters made good progress with containment lines and dozers made good progress on dozer ridge line construction west of Calvert Peak.

Air operations were hampered by limited visibility.

### FIRE FACTS:

#### Closures in Place:

- The Bear Camp Road is officially closed with closure orders and maps issued by the Medford District of the Bureau of Land Management/Grants Pass Interagency Office and the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest/Gold Beach Ranger District. See websites above for additional information. The Josephine County Sheriff's Office and the Curry County Sheriff's Office are providing staffing at the closure points and signs are in place.
- Rogue River Trail from Grave Creek to Rogue River Ranch.
- The BLM portion of the Wild Section of the Rogue River is closed from Grave Creek to Mule Creek due to extreme fire conditions and public health and safety issues.

**Big Windy Complex:** Consists of the Big Windy (Josephine County), Calvert Peak and Jenny Fires (Curry County). Located on Medford District Bureau of Land Management lands protected by the Oregon Department of Forestry **Started:** July 26, 2013 at 3:00 a.m. **Cause:** Lightning **Location:** Approximately 8 miles NW of Galice.

**VALUES AT RISK:** Boaters and campers on the Rogue River, Wild and Scenic River below Grave Creek, economic considerations associated with recreation, Black Bar Lodge (18 structures), Zane Grey Historical Cabin, Marial Lodge, Rogue River Ranch, cultural resources, threatened & endangered species habitat, late successional reserves, fisheries and wildlife.

**WEATHER:** Partly cloudy with areas of smoke and breezy over ridges. Minimum temperatures 55-61 with max Rh 70-80% valleys, 60 to 70% ridges and mid slope. North wind 6-10 mph ridges, downslope/down valley 2-6 mph in valleys.

**FIRE BEHAVIOR:** Fire behavior was moderate today with small runs. The inversion lifted around 4:30 p.m. and the fire became more active. Resources completing burnout operations tonight can expect good success until midnight when the inversion sets in, after which it will be more difficult to start ignitions, particularly in brushy areas. Ignitions should continue to be successful in timbered areas throughout the night and morning hours.

**RESOURCES ASSIGNED:** 5 Type 1 hotshot crews, 17 Type 2 hand crews, 1 heavy helicopter, 2 light helicopters, 12 engines, 9 dozers and 10 water tenders, 2 camp crews and 123 National Guard members.

**SAFETY CONCERNS:** Steep and unforgiving terrain, mixing of fire and public traffic (particularly on one-lane roads), variable and unpredictable winds in the river corridor, ticks, bee stings, hazard trees, poison oak, poor air quality, aviation operations, extreme fire behavior, railroad crossings, black bears and cougars. Safety trends include bee stings, and knee and ankle injuries.

**COOPERATING AGENCIES & PARTNERS:** Oregon Department of Forestry, Medford District Bureau of Land Management, Josephine County, Curry County, Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, Jackson County, Rural Metro Fire Department.

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