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Big Windy Complex Fire Information Update

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Wednesday, August 7, 2013 – 9:00 p.m. PDT Fire Status Update

Estimated Containment: 09/01/2013			
Fire	Acres	% Contained	Total Personnel
Big Windy Complex	12,631*	5%	1,339

* The three fires of the Big Windy Complex grew together on August 6.

Highlights for the Big Windy Complex:

- Evacuation Level 1 - Galice - 08/07/13 August 7, 2013 Notice for immediate release - Level 1 Evacuation Notice A Level 1 Notice has been issued for the area of Galice Access Road, including the Galice Access Rd - north to the Graves Creek Bridge along Galice Road. Level 1 means persons are alerted that current or projected threats from hazards associated with the approaching fires may be severe. This is the time for preparation and precautionary movement of persons with special needs, mobile property, and possibly pets and livestock.
- Pacific Northwest Incident Management Teams will be holding a public meeting at the Galice Community Hall on August 8, 2013 at 4:00 pm.
- The red flag warning continues through Friday. There will be thunderstorms coming from the south and pushing into the north with gusts up to 35 MPH in the early evening.
- Firefighters were able to add ¾ mile to the black line with burnout operations from the southeast working northward. Tonight they will continue with the burnout operations, moving slowly and up the east flank.
- On the NW flank of the Big Windy Complex the preparation work continues with much progress.
- Falling snags are a safety concern on the fire line tonight due to the expected 35 mph winds.

Big Windy Complex Operations Summary:

Ground Operations: The firefighters will continue burnout operations along the SE corner of the fire working north towards the river. The work will be slow and deliberate taking weather and ground conditions into consideration in all fire operations

FIRE FACTS:

Closures in Place:

- The Bear Camp Road (BLM # 34-8-36 and Forest Service #23) 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 National Guard is providing staffing at all road closure checkpoints.
- Burnt Ridge Road, Forest Service Road 2308, is closed from the junction with Forest Road 2300 to the junction with Forest Road 3300.
- 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.

Evacuations: A level 2 (level 2 means be prepared to leave if asked by a law enforcement or fire official) evacuation notice is in place starting at the Marial Lodge and following the Rogue River east to Grave Creek, then north and west on the Marial Byway back to the Marial Lodge.

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: Earlier this evening, thunderstorms were moving over the Siskiyou Mountains, tracking S to N on the E side of the fire. A red flag warning is in effect for thunderstorms through Friday.

FIRE BEHAVIOR: Fire activity may be moderated by a slight increase in relative humidity and cooler temperatures. However, flame lengths will not be moderated enough to reduce the amount of single and group tree torching. Short crown runs are still possible. If wind gusts develop due to thunderstorms, expect rapid increases in flame lengths, rate of spread, and possible crown fire. If increased gusting winds occur, spotting distance may be as far as .7 miles.

RESOURCES ASSIGNED: 8 Type 1 hotshot crews, 27 Type 2 hand crews, 2 heavy helicopters, 2 light helicopters, 48 engines, 16 dozers and 16 water tenders, 3 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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