

BIG WINDY COMPLEX FIRE INFORMATION 541-476-1252



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Rogue River-Siskiyou NF



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IMT PNW Team 3

Fire Update – 08/18/2013 9:00 a.m. PDT

Big Windy Complex: A community meeting will be held today at 3:00 PM at the Galice Community Hall, located at 10821 Galice Road. Members of Pacific Northwest Team 3 will provide an overview of the fire and discuss the suppression effort. Local agency representatives will also be present. The public is invited to attend.

The Rogue River is open with some restrictions. Please be aware that firefighters are working on the roads and near the river. Boaters are encouraged to use Argo or Alameda Dock for boat ramp access rather than Grave Creek. This will help reduce congestion with fire traffic. Please contact the Smullin Visitor Center at 541-479-3735 if you have questions about river operations.

Yesterday's Fire Operations: On the south side of the river, crews have been working diligently to burn out along the containment lines when conditions are favorable, and then hold the burned areas. Burning out creates greater depth and makes the line more secure, should the main fire moves towards it. Conditions were not favorable for aerial ignition.

Today's Fire Operations: Crews will continue to burn out and secure containment lines south of the river, working their way to the west. A River Group has been assigned to protect the structures at Zane Grey. Extremely steep slopes, oak litter and rocky conditions are creating challenges.

Weather: Increased winds will bring in dry air from the north. Relative humidity levels are expected to stay low, with little night time recovery. Warm, dry, and windy conditions are in the forecast and are expected to cause an increase in the fire's activity.

Evacuations: A Level 2 evacuation is in place north of the Rogue River and south of the Marial Byway. Residents should be prepared to leave if asked. A Level 1 evacuation is in effect in the Galice area and west where hazards from the approaching fire may be severe. Residents should take precautionary measures to protect persons with special needs, pets, livestock, and mobile property.

Closures:

- Grave Creek to Marial Back Country Byway, which includes Mt. Reuben Road (34-8-1 Road), 32-8-31 Road, a portion of the 32-8-9.2 Road, and the Marial Access Road (32-9-14.2).
- Bear Camp Road (BLM # 34-8-36 and Forest Service #23) is officially closed. 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.

Quick Facts Incident Summary	
Location:	NW of Galice
Approximate Size:	18, 570 Acres
Fire Containment:	20%
Start Date:	July 26, 2013
Cause:	Lightning
Incident Commander:	Ed Lewis
Resources on the Fire:	Crews: 26 Helicopters: 6 Engines: 52 Dozers: 6 Water Tenders: 16
Total Personnel:	1,045
Jurisdiction:	Oregon Dept of Forestry Bureau of Land Management

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