

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 – 08/21/2013 9:00 a.m. PDT

Yesterday's Fire Operations: It was a good day for the fire fighters and they made progress despite the dry, windy conditions which made burnout operations challenging. Crews completed some burnout on the west flank and successfully held the line. Several spot fires were quickly extinguished. Torching and some short crown runs were observed. A spike camp was established at the Bear Camp Overlook to support three hotshot crews working on the fire's west flank. This remote camp will support more efficient firefighting operations.

Today's Fire Operations: Today is expected to be another active day of fire behavior. Crews will hold and secure the east and southeast flanks, and continue to burn out along the west flank, working their way north. Approximately nine miles of line still need to be burned out. Aerial ignition will be used if conditions are favorable. Fire fighters will assist with any new fire starts from potential thunderstorms in the area.

Weather: Winds will be lighter today, and relative humidity is expected to increase with the possibility of an isolated thundershower this afternoon. A Red Flag warning for abundant lightning and dry fuels will be in effect from 11:00 today through Thursday evening. Developing thunderstorms could produce wind gusts of 40 mph or higher. The Haines Index, a scale of 1-6 which measures the potential for dry, unstable air to contribute to large fire growth, will increase to 5.

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, OR
Approximate Size:	23,809
Fire Containment:	20%
Start Date:	July 26, 2013
Cause:	Lightning
Incident Commander:	Ed Lewis
Resources on the Fire:	Crews: 21 Helicopters: 7 Engines: 57 Dozers: 6 Water Tenders: 13
Total Personnel:	933
Jurisdiction:	Oregon Dept of Forestry Bureau of Land Management

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