

BIG WINDY COMPLEX FIRE INFORMATION 541-476-1252



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Rogue River–Siskiyou NF



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Fire Update – 08/24/2013 9:00 a.m. PDT

Yesterday's Fire Operations: The small amount of rain that fell on Thursday was enough to hamper burnout operations in most areas again yesterday. Crews took advantage of the quieter conditions to further strengthen and secure containment lines. A small amount of burnout was completed on the fire's west flank and burnout operations will resume in other areas as fuels continue to dry out. A reconnaissance flight was completed and helicopter water drops were used to check the fire's growth further into Howard Creek.

Today's Fire Operations: Cooler temperatures and higher humidity have moderated activity to allow a hot shot crew to be inserted into the bottom of Howard Creek to explore the option of building a fire line closer to fire's edge. If this works it could eliminate a dangerous burnout operation on some steep topography.

A Type 1 Incident Management Team from the southeastern United States will assume responsibility for management of the Big Windy Complex on Sunday. PNW Team 3 wishes to thank community members and cooperators for the outstanding support that was provided to the fire fighters and team members for the duration of the team's assignment.

Weather: Cloud cover is expected to cool temperatures slightly today and relative humidity is expected to increase, moderating fire activity. This morning's inversion is expected to lift by 2:00 pm and this may allow a short window for burning in the late afternoon.

Evacuations: A Level 2 evacuation is in place north of the Rogue River and south of the Marial Byway. A Level 1 evacuation is in effect in the Galice area and west.

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 23 to the junction with Forest Road 33.
- Rogue River Trail from Grave Creek to Rogue River Ranch.

Quick Facts Incident Summary	
Location:	NW of Galice, OR
Approximate Size:	23,829
Fire Containment:	35%
Start Date:	July 26, 2013
Cause:	Lightning
Incident Commander:	Ed Lewis
Resources on the Fire:	Crews: 28 Helicopters: 4 Engines: 57 Dozers: 6 Water Tenders: 13
Total Personnel:	1,058
Jurisdiction:	Oregon Dept of Forestry Bureau of Land Management

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