Evening Update

Eagle Creek Fire
September 14, 2017 6:30 p.m.

Contact Information: Fire Information 541-392-1632 (8 a.m.-8 p.m.) or eaglecreekfire2017@gmail.com

Location: Hood River and Multnomah Counties, Oregon; originated 1 mile south of Cascade Locks, Oregon

Start Date: September 2, 2017, 4:02 p.m.  Size: Approximately 41,550 acres
Cause: Under Investigation  Percent Contained: 28

Summary:
Due to yesterday and last night’s active fire behavior, Hood River County Sheriff’s Office expanded Evacuation Levels for portions of Hood River County at 2pm today. The full evacuation notice along with maps of the evacuation zones can be found at: http://www.hoodriversheriff.com/news/breaking-news/

- Zones A5 and A6 have been placed on Level 2 (“Get Set”) Evacuation Notices
- Zones A7, B4, B5, B6, and B7 have been placed on Level 1 (“Get Ready”) Evacuation Notices
- The Cascade Locks area remains at a Level 2 notice and the A4a zone remains at Level 3 (“Go!”)

Today brought a decrease in fire behavior, allowing incident managers to implement burn out operations in the area between Herman Creek and Shellrock Mountain. Aerial ignitions have been successful, slowly bringing a controlled line of fire down slope towards the powerline corridor where dozer line has been placed to help stop the fire’s spread. If conditions allow, aerial ignitions will continue tomorrow between Herman Creek and Grays Creek, just west of Shellrock Mountain. Aerial ignitions allow us to burn fuels where it is unsafe to put firefighters on the ground as well as help control the fire by reducing the amount of fuels available for the main fire to consume. Controlled burns are implemented to minimize fire intensity and to maintain vegetation integrity.

Air resources also focused bucket work on a spot fire on the eastern edge of the fire near Mt. Defiance. Retardant was used for point protection of a repeater (radio tower) located on top of the mountain. Hose lay was placed on the hand line near Mitchell Point.

Along the western edge of the fire, crews continued to mop up and secure line between Bridal Veil and Cascade Locks.

Minimal fire behavior was observed on the southern edge of the fire. Oregon State Fire Marshal crews continued to patrol residences near the eastern edge of the fire. Additional resources will be arriving tomorrow to support the structural crews already assigned to the incident.

Resources Assigned: 26 crews (5-Type 1, 14-Type 2, 7-Type 2 Initial Attack); 46 Engines; 12 Helicopters; 9 Dozers; 15 Water Tenders; 934 Personnel

Additional fire, closure and evacuation information can be found at the following sites:
- Inciweb: https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5584/
- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/EagleCreekandIndianCreekFires2017/
- Twitter: https://twitter.com/eaglecreekfire
- Oregon Smoke Information: https://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com/
- Multnomah County Sheriff Flash Alert: https://www.flashalert.net/id/MCSO
- Road Closures: https://tripcheck.com
- Firewise Information: http://www.firewise.org/