

National Creek Complex Fire Information: 503-308-0412



Crater Lake National Park



Rogue River-Siskiyou & Umpqua National Forests



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Crater Lake National Park, OR - On August 1, 2015, 57 dry lightning strikes were detected in the park with 9 confirmed fire ignitions. Crater Lake National Park fire personnel took suppression action on all 9 fires associated with the storm.

This past year saw a record low amount of snowfall (196", when a normal year is approximately 550"). This prompted Crater Lake National Park to make the decision to suppress all fires due to the potential of large, long duration incidents with potential negative impacts to park resources and the visitor experience. These dry conditions contributed to the rapid growth of the Crescent Fire, which is now referred to as the National Creek Complex. It is still actively burning today and is now the largest recorded fire in park history.

The National Park Service recognizes that naturally occurring fires are a vital and necessary ecosystem component, but in this year of extreme drought, Crater Lake National Park is committed to full suppression of all fire ignitions within the park. It is important to note that the effects of this fire will not be all



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bad. The fire in some cases will enhance ecological diversity and provide valuable forage for large mammals and habitat for a variety of birds and animals.

Firefighters will continue to engage in suppression activities and monitor the impacts to the park. At this time, during the most visited time of year, the park remains open with clear views of the lake.



Crater Lake is clear and open