



Crater Lake National Park



Rogue River-Siskiyou & Umpqua National Forests



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**Fire Update – Friday, 08/21/2015 9:25 a.m. PDT**

**State Highway 138 East, between mile posts 84-86 (1 mile south of Diamond Lake) is open.** Expect periodic delays and be prepared for heavy smoke.

**Crater Lake National Park has closed the north entrance road** between State Highway 138 at the park’s north boundary and the Crater Lake west rim drive at north junction.

**Yesterday’s Activities:** A burn-out operation was started along the north entrance to Crater Lake National Park (CLNP) in the afternoon when weather conditions were optimum. This created potentially hazardous driving conditions along State Highway 138 from fire-fighting equipment, personnel on the road, falling debris and heavy smoke. The Crescent Fire became active in the afternoon on the south flank with some group tree torching and short-range spotting. Fire crews continued to cut brush and small trees and chip vegetative debris along Highway 230 in preparation for burn-out operations along the western edge of the fire.

The Crescent Fire increased 804 acres yesterday.

**Today’s Activities:** Fire crews will be burning out along the north entrance of CLNP from the Pumice Desert north and will connect to where they began yesterday near the toll booth. Crews should finish preparing Forest Road 3703, on the Umpqua National Forest, for possible use as a contingency fire line north of the fire. The structure protection group remains in place to protect structures near Diamond Lake. Scouting for locations of additional fire fines to the south of the Crescent Fire continues. Helicopters dropping water are available to cool down hot spots if there is good visibility (minimal smoke). They may be called

upon to slow the spread of the fire, assist firefighters suppress spot fires across containment lines, or provide a reconnaissance platform for fire managers. This afternoon helicopters may be used to safely ignite a burn out designed to increase the depth of fine fuel removal along existing containment lines. Five hand crews and 5 engines will be released today and reassigned to higher priority fires.

**Weather:** Temperatures are expected to be lower today with higher wind speeds (up to 20 mph), but it will remain warm and dry. The relative humidity (amount of moisture in the air) should be 30%. The potential for fire spotting remains high in the lodgepole pine areas and firefighters and equipment remain poised to respond.

**Other Closures & Evacuations Orders:** Crater Lake National Park remains open. The north park entrance road remains closed to facilitate fire operations and provide for the safety of firefighters and park visitors. A segment of the Pacific Crest Trail is also closed from the park north boundary to the junction with Lightning Springs Trail. **State Highway 230 remains closed.** Access to the park is obtained from the South entrance off of State Highway 62. The rim drive is open and smoke in the caldera has been minimal. Area closure orders have been issued for the Rogue River-Siskiyou and Umpqua National Forests near Diamond Lake. There are trail closures in the National Park and on the Rogue River-Siskiyou and Umpqua National Forest. Maps and descriptions of the trail and area closures are online at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4463/>.

Diamond Lake Area is under a Stage 1 Evacuation Notice; the “ready” stage in [“ready, set, go”](#).

**ADDITIONAL FIRE INFORMATION**



Diamond Lake Lodge and Lemolo Lake facilities are open for business and the fishing remains fantastic!

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Quick Facts National Creek Complex Summary	
Location:	NW Boundary of Crater Lake Nat'l Park & Rogue River-Siskiyou & Umpqua National Forests
Approximate Size:	National 120 acres Crescent 8,760 acres <b>Total Complex 8,880</b>
Fire Containment:	10%
Start Date:	August 1, 2015
Cause:	Lightning
Incident Commander:	Ed Lewis, PNW Team 3
Resources on the Fire:	Crews: 8 Helicopters: 5 Engines: 23 Ambulance: 2 Dozers: 5 Water Tender: 20
Total Personnel:	589
Cooperating Agencies:	National Park Service US Forest Service, Oregon Department of Transportation

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