



Deschutes National Forest
Sisters Ranger District

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Friday, July 25, 2014 10:00 a.m.

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Bridge 99 Complex

Start date: 7/13/14	Cause: Lightning	Estimated Fire Size: Bridge 99 Fire: 5,345 acres; Southern portion Bear Butte 2 Fire: 615 acres Total complex acres 5,960	% Contained: 67% (+7%)	# of Firefighters: 369 (-306)
Injuries to date: 1	Estimated Containment Date: Bridge 99 7/31 Bear Butte 2 NA	Closures: There will be no changes today in area closures or evacuation orders. (See next page for more).	# of 20-person hand crews: 12 (-6)	# of helicopters: 1 Type I (Heavy), 1 Type III (Light)

Sisters OR – Fire continues to burn, but with low intensity and limited spread in the southern portion of the Bear Butte 2 fire within the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness on the Deschutes National Forest. Contingency lines using old existing roads and former dozer lines are being prepared in the event the fire expands to the south and emerges outside of the Wilderness. Yesterday the contingency line was built from Candle Creek campground westerly to the Jefferson Creek trailhead. Work will continue westerly toward the Cabot Creek trailhead today. In addition to being a potential fire spread barrier this work will result in improved recreation access to the Cabot Lake and Jefferson Lake trailheads.

The Bridge 99 Fire perimeter did not increase yesterday. Particular attention is being paid to the northwest corner of the fire, which has the greatest potential for re-burn, and to the north portion which retains the most heat. Mop-up should be completed in a few days and excess firefighting equipment and personnel have begun to be released to their home unit or reassigned.

Temperatures are now beginning to rise, and relative humidity is decreasing, resulting in a rapid return to fuel conditions similar to what existed at the time of fire spread. Crews will be on the alert for heat buildup and holdover lightning starts today. Burning within the interior of the fires will likely increase when hot temperatures and low humidity return this weekend.

Open fires, including charcoal fires, are prohibited on National Forest or BLM lands, except in certain designated campgrounds (for a list and more information visit:

http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/centraloregon/home/?cid=fsbdev3_035880).

These restrictions DO NOT apply to Wilderness areas on the Deschutes National Forest.



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The Jefferson County Sheriff's Department evacuation orders are currently as follows:

All private lands along the Metolius River from Allen Springs Campground to Lake Billy Chinook (including the Metolius Arm) have been lowered to a Level II Evacuation Order. The Three Rivers Subdivision has been lowered to a Level I Evacuation Order. The subdivisions of Rim Park, Forest Park, and Air Park along with Cove Palisades State Park remain under a Level I Evacuation Order. The Cove Palisades State Park remains open.

Monty Campground and Perry South Campground are open to the public.

The following Forest Service roads, trails, campgrounds and lands remain closed:

Forest Road 12, from its intersection with Forest Roads 1270/1298 to Bridge 99, **Forest Road 14**, from Bridge 99 to its intersection with Forest Road 1400700 (Allen Springs Campground), **Forest Road 1140**, from its intersection with Forest Roads 1150/1180 to the intersection with Forest Road 1152, **Forest Road 1154**, from its intersection with Forest Road 1150 to the intersection with Forest Road 1140, and **Forest Road 1420400**. The Lower Bridge, Pioneer Ford, Allen Springs, Canyon Creek, and Candle Creek Campgrounds are closed. The Jefferson Lake Trail (#4001), Sugarpine Ridge Trail (#4002), Shirley Lake Trail (#4003.1), and the Cabot Lake Trail (#4003) are closed within the Mt Jefferson Wilderness. **A 5-mile segment of the Pacific Crest Trail (#2000) is closed.** The south closure is located north of the Shirley Lake Trail (#4003) junction and the north closure is located near Cathedral Rocks. An area closure has been designated on a map that is available on the Inciweb website listed below. The **Wizard Falls Fish Hatchery** remains closed to the public.

The above closures and evacuation levels will continually be assessed to determine if they remain appropriate to protect public health and safety.

For information on smoke impacts to air quality in your community, go to the Oregon Smoke Blog at: <http://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com>.

For detailed information on the fire including maps, area, road, and trail closure information, along with photos, please visit: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3963/>.

The Bridge 99 Complex consists of two fires (the Bridge 99 Fire and the Bear Butte 2 Fire). The Bridge 99 Fire is burning 18 miles northwest of the city of Sisters on Green Ridge, next to the Metolius River. The southern portion of the Bear Butte 2 Fire is burning in the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness on the Deschutes National Forest. The northern portion of the Bear Butte 2 Fire is on the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs lands and is being managed by the Fire Team working on the Logging Unit Complex.

Bridge 99 Complex Inciweb QR Code:

