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Sisters Ranger District

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Tuesday, August 5, 2014 9:00 a.m.
- FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -

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Fire Information: (541) 549-3219

Castle Fire

Start date: 8/1/14	Cause: lightning	Estimated Fire Size (no change): 16 acres	% Contained: 30%	# of Firefighters: 196
Injuries to date: 0	Estimated Containment Date: 08/07/2014	Closures and Evacuations: Forest Service Roads 11, 1170, and a portion of County Road 64 are closed. Monty Campground is closed. An area closure is in effect. No evacuations ordered	# of 20-person crews 5	# of Helicopters: 1 Type III (Light)

Sisters OR –Yesterday, crews were successful in a direct attack strategy, safely building hand fire line next to the Castle Fire. The perimeter of the fire was accurately mapped on the ground using a GPS (Global Positioning System) and determined to be 16 acres.

Today, two crews will continue to build direct fire line and begin the mop-up process of extinguishing all burning and smoldering materials near containment lines. Another crew will remove overgrown vegetation along existing roads to improve a safe access to the southern part of the fire. The south and parts of the eastern side of the fire has fire hoses installed to better secure that segment of line. Helicopters will continue to assist firefighters by cooling hot spots or spot fires ahead of the fire. A spike camp has been established closer to the fire to support hand crews and other miscellaneous support personnel. This increases the amount of time crews can accomplish their mission and reduces the exposure to hazards associated with travelling to the fire from the incident command post in Sisters.

Today, the weather is expected to be very similar to yesterday with a prediction of higher winds. Later today, winds may increase to 8-12 miles per hour and gust up to 22mph.

An infra-red reconnaissance flight last night revealed only a few small areas of heat within the containment lines of the Castle Fire and the Bridge 99 Fire. One heat source was identified within the Bear Butte 2 Fire. Engine crews will continue to monitor and secure the Bridge 99 Fire for a few more days.



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There will be a transition of incident management teams (IMT) tomorrow at 06:00. Oregon IMT2 will transfer command to a smaller IMT from southwest.

There are no changes to the evacuation or closure orders for this fire or for the Bridge 99 Complex.

There are no evacuation orders in place.

An area closure order from the Deschutes National Forest is in effect for the fire area, refer to the map that can be found in the maps section of <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4047/>

The Monty Campground is closed to the public.

Forest Road 11 and 1170, and a segment of County Road 64 from Perry South to Monty Campground are closed.

The Castle Fire is located south of the Metolius River on the Sisters Ranger District of the Deschutes National Forest. This lightning-caused fire started on August 1, 2014 and is burning on steep, rocky ground directly above the Metolius River.

For additional information on this fire, including maps, closure orders, photos, current status, and notices, please visit: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4047/>. A QR Code shortcut to Inciweb for “smart” phones is shown below: (requires a QR Code reader, app available on line for free).

