



# Barry Point Fire

## Fire Information Update

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**Saturday, August 18, 2012 – 8:00 a.m. PDT Fire Status Update**

Fire	Acres	% Contained	Total Personnel
Barry Point	89,039	32%	1398

The Oregon National Guard will arrive on the Barry Point Fire this afternoon with three helicopters capable of dropping water to assist the firefighting effort.

#### News & Events for the Barry Point Fire:

- There is a **Red Flag Warning** in effect through 8 pm PDT Saturday for abundant dry lightning and dry fuels. Initial attack resources are available to respond to any new starts in the fire area.
- Last night's thunderstorms ignited the Antelope Fire east of Drews Reservoir. Resources from the Barry Point Fire were quickly reassigned and it is now 75% contained at 20 acres.
- Despite wind gusts to 40 mph associated with thunderstorms last night there was little growth in the fire.
- Today's anticipated thunderstorms will make for a critical weather day. Cooler temperatures and predicted moisture will assist with suppression efforts.

**Barry Point Fire:** Crews have made excellent progress with fire line construction allowing them to start focusing on mop up and patrol on some portions of the fire. Burnout operations will continue as needed.

Firefighters are working hard to further mop up and secure fire lines on the northeast side. There is still fire line that needs to be completed and tied together on the south and southeast side. Those areas continue to pose challenges to firefighters due to rugged terrain and active fire behavior.

Firefighters continue to patrol the north and west areas of the fire.

The Level 3 evacuation at Drew's Lake and the Level 1 on the south side of Highway 140 from Drews Gap to Andy Hill Road and down the west side of the Westside Road will remain in place until firefighters are sure the fire line will hold through gusty winds associated with this weekend's weather system.

**Evacuations:** A Level 3 evacuation remains in place on the south end of Drews Reservoir and the west shore of Goose Lake from the California-Oregon border south to Forest Road 73. A Level 1 evacuation remains from the south side of Oregon Highway 140 at Drew's Gap west of Lakeview then west of Andy Hill Road headed south and continuing south on the west side of the Westside Road in Lake County to the Oregon-California border.

**Closures:** On the Fremont-Winema National Forest all National Forest lands, recreation sites, roads and trails in Yokum Valley, the Fitzwater/Point Ranch area, Dog Mountain, Long Valley, Drews Valley (south of Highway 140), Dent Creek and Barry Point.

On the Modoc National Forest the entire area, including all roads, from the Oregon/California border south to the Big Sage Management Area then west to the 73 Road and east to Goose Lake.

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**FIRE FACTS:**

**Barry Point Fire: Started:** August 6, 2012 **Cause:** lightning **Location:** Began 22 miles west of Lakeview, OR.  
**Resources:** A total of 1398 personnel assigned to the fire, including 4 hotshot crews, 29 hand crews, 3 helicopters, 95 engines, 15 dozers and 30 water tenders.

**SAFETY CONCERNS:** Heat exhaustion associated illness, smoke and poor visibility, muddy slippery roads, firefighter fatigue and snags.

**RESOURCE CONCERNS:** cultural resources

**WEATHER: There is a Red Flag Warning until 8 pm this evening for abundant lightning and dry fuels.**

Saturday will be mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. High temperatures will be from 79-84. Relative humidity will be 20-25% and higher where there is rain near thunderstorms. Winds will be out of the south to southeast from 3 to 10 mph in the morning becoming southwesterly 5 to 15 mph with gusts to 25 mph late in the day.

**WEATHER OUTLOOK:**

Tonight: Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thundershowers until midnight, then clearing. Lows will be from 47 to 52. The maximum RH will be 60 to 70%. The wind will be from the south to southwest from 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny. Highs will be from 78 to 83 with a minimum RH of 15 to 20%. Winds will be southwest from 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday night and Monday: Mostly clear with lows from 42 to 47, minimum RH from 15-20% and west winds from 5 to 10 mph.

**TODAY'S EXPECTED FIRE BEHAVIOR:** The higher relative humidity, cloud cover and lower temperatures today will significantly decrease the potential for spot fires. Unless rain occurs, fuel will be very dry and will respond rapidly to strong gusty winds.

**COOPERATING AGENCIES & PARTNERS:** Fremont-Winema and Modoc National Forests, Oregon Department of Forestry, CalFire, Lake County Sheriff, Modoc County Sheriff, Lakeview Police Department, American Red Cross, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service.

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