



Barry Point Fire

Fire Information Update

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Sunday August 19th , 2012 – 8:00 a.m. PDT Fire Status Update

Fire	Acres	% Contained	Total Personnel
Barry Point	93,941	46%	1,338

The Oregon National Guard has arrived on the Barry Point Fire with three helicopters capable of dropping water to assist the firefighting effort.

News & Events for the Barry Point Fire:

- The Antelope Fire east of Drews Reservoir started from lightning Friday night is now 100% contained at 20 acres.
- Firefighters took advantage of favorable weather conditions to complete line around the entire perimeter.

Barry Point Fire: Both day and night crews made excellent progress with fire line construction around the entire fire. Today's actions will focus on improving and securing the minimal line on the SE corner and patrolling the other portions of the fire. It will likely take a few days to ensure the lines are secure enough to withstand any weather challenge.

Weather today should be favorable for the mop-up within the lines. The possibility of spotting from interior flare-ups will increase as the fuels dry out through the afternoon, but will still be less than what firefighters have encountered on previous days.

Fire personnel have designated initial attack resources to respond to any new starts near the fire and assist local units if needed. Yesterday, engines and crews helped the Fremont-Winema National Forest on a new start that is now contained.

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 confident the lines near structures and private property will hold through gusty winds.

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 1,338 personnel assigned to the fire, including 4 hotshot crews, 27 hand crews, 6 helicopters, 94 engines, 17 dozers and 34 water tenders.

SAFETY CONCERNS: Heat exhaustion associated illness, smoke and poor visibility, narrow dusty roads firefighter fatigue and snags.

RESOURCE CONCERNS: Cultural resources and impacts to livestock grazing and commercial, federal, and private timber land.

WEATHER: More seasonally normal conditions have returned to the area with respect to temperatures and relative humidity levels and the degree of the instability across the area. High temperatures will be from 79-84. Relative humidity will be 14-19%. Winds will be out of the southwest from 3 - 6 mph in the morning becoming westerly 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.

WEATHER OUTLOOK:

Tonight: Clear and cooler. Lows 40-45 valleys and around 50 ridges. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north overnight.

Monday: Mostly clear. Highs 81-86. Minimum RH 15-20%. West winds 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy. Lows 42-47. Highs 79-84. Minimum RH near 15%. West winds 10 to 15 mph and gusty.

TODAY'S EXPECTED FIRE BEHAVIOR: Expect an increase in activity today as fuels continue to dry and internal islands burn out. Expect a slight increase in spotting potential but due to the normalizing of the weather, burn periods will be shorter as night time humidity levels continue to rise.

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, Oregon National Guard.

For further Barry Point Fire Information see:

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