



Barry Point Fire

Fire Information Update

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Wednesday, August 22nd, 2012 – 8:00 p.m. PDT Fire Status Update

Fire	Acres	% Contained	Total Personnel
Barry Point	93,231*	65%	1,131

**Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.*

News & Events for the Barry Point Fire:

- The fire line held during yesterday's strong southwest winds.
- Resources from the Barry Point Fire were sent to assist with a new fire in the Devil's Garden area of the Modoc National Forest. The Antelope Fire is about 200 acres and is almost completely lined this morning.
- Demobilization of excess resources is continuing.
- The Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation Team (BAER, pronounced bear) has arrived. They will be developing a comprehensive rehabilitation plan for the burned area over the next few weeks.
- Area residents will continue to see smoke from islands of unburned fuel within the Barry Point Fire for the foreseeable future.
- Smoke from California fires may also continue to impact air quality in the area.

Barry Point Fire:

Fire line has been constructed around the entire perimeter of the fire. There are still unburned areas of fuel between the black and the fire line. Crews will be paying particular attention to mop up in these areas. They are also using handheld infrared (IR) devices to locate pockets of heat that aren't apparent from visual inspection.

Rehabilitation has begun on the fire. Crews are busy constructing water bars on fire line to reduce or eliminate the affects of water running down steeper slopes; pulling back and leveling berms created by dozers and; chipping limbs and small trees that were cut to clear the fire line to reduce future fuel levels.

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.

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 1,131 personnel assigned to the fire, including 2 hotshot crews, 21 hand crews, 8 helicopters, 86 engines, 10 dozers and 32 water tenders.

SAFETY CONCERNS: Smoke and poor visibility, narrow dusty roads, firefighter fatigue, snags and ash pits.

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

WEATHER: Today will be sunny and cool with highs from 76 to 81. Relative humidities will be from 15 to 20%. Winds will mostly be light and westerly excepting gusts to 12 mph on the southern end of the fire in the afternoon.

WEATHER OUTLOOK:

Tonight: Clear. Temperatures will range from 45 to 50 on the ridges and 38 to 43 in the valleys. Relative humidities will be from 40 to 45% on the ridges and 65 to 75% in the valleys.

Thursday: Mostly clear. Highs will be from 79 to 84 and lows from 40 to 45. Winds will be west to southwest from 5 to 15 mph with gusts around 25 mph.

Friday: Mostly clear. Highs 75 to 80 and lows from 38 to 44. Winds will be from the northwest from 5 to 15 mph.

TODAY'S EXPECTED FIRE BEHAVIOR:

Cooler temperatures, lower relative humidities and light winds will give the firefighters a break today. Interior pockets of fuel will continue to burn.

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, Collins Pine.

For further Barry Point Fire Information see:

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For satellite imagery that shows smoke from fires in the area go to the following link:

<http://sat.wrh.noaa.gov/satellite/loopsat.php?wfo=mfr&area=west&type=vis&size=1>

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