



Barry Point Fire

Fire Information Update

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Friday, August 24th, 2012 – 8:00 a.m. PDT Fire Status Update

Fire	Acres	% Contained	Total Personnel
Barry Point	93,071	73%	843

News & Events for the Barry Point Fire:

- All evacuations have been lifted in Oregon and California.
- Crews continue to patrol for isolated heat and mop up the fire line, as well as cutting hazard trees and snags along the perimeter.
- Today there will be light easterly winds on the fire, with a possibility of a change to the west in the afternoon. This should have little effect on fire behavior.
- As the containment of the fire continues to increase, so will the demobilization of resources. The fire camp will relocate to the little league fields in Lakeview, Oregon on Saturday.
- 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.
- Rehabilitation efforts are underway. Crews are chipping branches and cleaning up dozer lines created for suppression of fire.
- 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.
- Forest closures on the Modoc National Forest and the Fremont-Winema National Forest remain in place.
- Tomorrow, August 25, the fire will be turned over from Pacific Northwest Team 2 to the South Central Oregon Fire Management Partnership Type III Team.

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Patrol and mop up of the fire line, which has been constructed around the entire perimeter, continues. Fallers continue to work on removing hazard trees. Excess equipment is being pulled from the fire line. 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.

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.

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 843 personnel assigned to the fire, including 1 hotshot crew, 15 type II hand crews, 4 helicopters, 48 engines, 7 dozers and 18 water tenders.

SAFETY CONCERNS: Snags, firefighter fatigue, wild animals, narrow dusty roads, chipping operations, smoke and poor visibility, ash pits.

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

WEATHER: Today's weather will be sunny with highs from 74-79 with light winds out of the north/northeast. Relative humidity will drop to 10-15% as the day progresses.

WEATHER OUTLOOK:

Tonight: Clear. Temperatures will range from 47 to 52 on the ridges and 39 to 44 in the valleys. Relative humidities will be from 25% to 35% on the ridges and 60% to 70% in the valleys.

Saturday: Clear. Highs will be from 77 to 83 and lows from 38 to 44. Winds will be southwest from 5 to 9 mph.

Sunday: Mostly clear. Highs 78 to 83 and lows from 42 to 48. Winds will be from the southwest from 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts.

TODAY'S EXPECTED FIRE BEHAVIOR:

Late afternoon warming and drying still poses a risk for flare-ups and spotting in the interior area of the fire. With weather cooling overnight, burning periods will continue to diminish.

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>

** As of Saturday, August 25th, Barry Point Fire will be updated to a new facebook page. Visit

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