



Fremont Winema
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Klamath Ranger District

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Thursday, July 31, 2014 12:00 p.m.

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Incident Information Officer **Jeanne Klein**

E-mail: launchfire14@gmail.com Fire Information: (541)
947-6223

Launch Fire

Start date: 7/28/14	Cause: Human	Estimated Size: 45 acres	% Contained: 30%	# of Firefighters: 111
Injuries to date Three plus one fatality	Estimated Containment: N/A	Closures: Four Mile Lake Campground, Portions of the following: Forest Road 3661, Twin Ponds Trail, Badger Lake Trail, Lost Lake Trail, an area closure around the fire area.	# of 20-person hand crews: 4	# of helicopters: 2 Type I (heavy) 1 Type II (medium) 1 Type III (light)

Klamath Falls, OR - The Launch Fire is currently estimated to be 45 acres. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping. Approximately 100 firefighters continue to work on the fire. Today, crews plan to build fire line as direct as possible to the fire.

Yesterday, rain fell on and around the fire area. Winds are predicted to be out of the southwest today, with highs in the upper 70s and relative humidity in the 30% range.

There are two Type I helicopters (heavy lift), one type II helicopter (medium lift) and one type III helicopter (light lift) available to support the fire suppression activities, operating out of Klamath Falls. The Great Meadows Snow Park, along Highway 140 also remains closed.

The fire is burning in heavy fuels with abundant snags. Safety concerns also include potential for heat illness.

Today, Oregon Interagency Incident Management Team 2 took over management of the fire, due to the complexity and location of the fire.

The following special restrictions and prohibitions are remaining in effect on all Forest roads, trails, campground, and area closure within the specific area on the Fremont-Winema National Forest, Klamath Ranger District.

Forest Road 3661 from its intersection with Forest Road 3661-360 to Four Mile Lake Campground.



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Forest Trail 993 (Twin Ponds Trail,) from its intersection with the Pacific Crest Trail to its intersection with Forest Road 3661 at Four Mile Lake Campground.
Forest Trail 3759 (Badger Lake Trail,) from its intersection with Forest Road 3661-560 to its intersection with south boundary of the Sky Lakes Wilderness.
Forest Trail 3712 (Lost Lake Trail,) from its intersection with the Sky Creek Wilderness boundary to its intersection with the Pacific Crest Trail.
Four Mile Lake Campground is closed.
For the area closure and map, see the inciweb site at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4018/>.

The National Weather Service has issued a Red Flag Warning for today from 2 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. The forecast shows hot, dry conditions with the possibility of more dry lightning. Information can be found on the National Weather Service Medford Office Web site: <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/?wfo=mfr>

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For additional fire information visit:

Inciweb:

<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4018/>

Lakeview Interagency Fire Center:

<http://www.scofmp.org/lifc.shtml>

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