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News Release

Bald Sisters Fire Update August 21

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| Acres: 1,138 | Start date: August 2, 2014 |
| Cause: Lightning | Location: 12 Miles East of Prairie City, OR |
| Containment: 0% | Fuels: Timber |
| Terrain: Steep, Rugged | Resources: 3 Crews, 5 Engines, 2 Dozers, And 2 Tenders |
| Total personnel: 218 | Helicopters: 1 Fixed Winged Aircraft: 1 |

Starting at 6:00 A.M. this morning, the Oregon Incident Management Team #2 is managing both the South Fork Complex and the Bald Sisters Fire.

Yesterday

Chipping of debris continued along the line yesterday.

Weather and Fire Behavior

Dry clear air moved in overnight bringing temperatures down into the 30s. Today is forecast to be dry and cool with temperatures in the 60s and relative humidity around 20%. Winds should be out of the N-NW, 5 to 10mph with gusts to 15 in the afternoon.

Later this afternoon expect smoke from the fire but little significant fire behavior.

Today's Operations

Chipping work along the indirect fire line will be winding down in the next couple of days. Five chippers, supported by several hand crews, will be working to complete the indirect fireline on south and southwest flanks and the along Rd. 13. Excavators under the direction of Forest Resource Advisors, continue to work to complete the repair of suppression activities. Firefighters with aerial support will be monitoring fire behavior and be prepared to respond should fire spread increase.

The Bald Sisters fire camp is being combined with the South Fork Fire camp at Gander Ranch.

Notice

Due to little activity on the Bald Sisters fire, future updates will only be issued in the morning.

For all information on forest area closure regarding the fire, please link to:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/malheur/alerts-notices/?aid=24329>

Please note: The phone contact number for the Bald Sisters Fire public information office has been changed to 866-347-0636

Please refer to www.inciweb.nwcg.gov or www.facebook.com/baldsistersfire for up-to-date fire information.

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