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Friday, Aug 2, 2013 08:00 a.m.
- FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -

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Incident Command Post located at Lake Selmac, near Cave
Junction, OR
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Labrador Fire

Start date: 7/26/13 06:00	Cause: Lightning	Estimated Size: 2,020 acres	% Contained: N/A	# of Firefighters: 497
Injuries to date None	Estimated Containment: N/A	Closures: Forest Roads 4103, 4105 and 4103152. The entire Illinois River Trail.	# of 20-person hand crews: 14	# of helicopters: 4

SOUTHWEST OR - The Labrador Fire is burning in an area south and west of the Illinois River in inaccessible country 30 miles southwest of Grants Pass, Oregon.

Nearly 200 people from the community attended the public meeting in Cave Junction last night. The team’s strategy for managing the fire was presented. An open house format allowed the public to interact with and ask questions to the fire management team and the Wild River RD resource staff.

With clear skies over the fire and a less stable air mass, the fire became more active late in the afternoon. Several small spot fires occurred across the Illinois River as the wind picked up which were quickly extinguished by the resources at the scene. Helicopters used bucket drops to dampen and pre-treat the north bank to prevent any further spotting. The preparation of contingency lines continues on the north, east, and south portions of the fire. Crews are working to complete structure protection on recreation sites along the Illinois River. Engines continue to be stationed at Oak Flat to provide structure protection.

We expect warmer and drier conditions for today and through the weekend. The inversion over the area could lift as early as noon. The fire behavior today may include areas of very active surface fire spread, isolated high intensity flare up with torching and mid-range spotting.

The community of Oak Flat in Josephine County is still under a Level 2 or “advisory evacuation.” There is a Level 1 or “alert advisory evacuation” for the area between Kerby Flat to McCaleb Ranch. These are no mandatory evacuations levels at this time.

Some streams within the fire are habitat for coho salmon, steelhead and trout. To reduce the impacts to fish and fish habitat firefighters are using screens on all water intake hoses to prevent killing small juvenile fish, requiring hand fire lines within 300 feet of fish-bearing streams. Spill kits are in place at all pumps located within the riparian zone.

For more information please contact the Fire Information Line at (541) 597-1160.

For detailed information on the fire including maps and photos please visit:

<http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3563/>