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Sunday, Aug 4, 2013 08:00 a.m.
- FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -

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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: 460
Injuries to date 1	Estimated Containment: N/A	Closures: Forest Roads 4103, 4105 and 4103152. The entire Illinois River Trail.	# of 20-person hand crews: 10	# of helicopters: 5

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.

Temperatures were warmer and humidity levels were lower resulting in flare ups and isolated torching within the fire perimeter. Helicopters were able to aggressively cool down these flare ups, especially on the south fire perimeter. The fire continues to hold along the Illinois River to the north and east. On the west side of the fire it is holding at Nome Creek. Firefighters remain in the Oak Flat community in Josephine County to provide structure protection and monitor the backing fire towards the Illinois River. On a special note, approximately a third of the nation's firefighters are working to fight fires in two counties in southwest Oregon.

We are expecting the warming and drying trend to continue over the next several days. Areas of continuous fuels may burn actively as the inversion layer lifts and skies clear out allowing for more solar radiation to reach the vegetation.

The community of Oak Flat in Josephine County is still under a Level 2 evacuation. A Level 2 evacuation means you must prepare to leave at a moment's notice. There is a Level 1 evacuation for the area between Kerby Flat to McCaleb Ranch. A Level 1 evacuation means you should prepare to leave the area.

We are striving to reduce the spread of noxious weeds by requiring all vehicles to wash when they arrive and depart the incident. Known noxious weed populations are flagged out and made known to incident personnel so that they do not enter these areas and spread the weeds. Rare plant populations are identified and mitigations generally include avoidance of these areas with equipment and personnel.

We expect smoke to be in the area for some time to come from fires to our north.

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.incweb.org/incident/3563/>