

**Oregon Interagency Incident  
Management Team #1  
Ross Williams, Incident Commander**



**Onion Mountain Fire Daily Update  
Wednesday, September 17, 2014**

Working from a secure anchor point on the southeast corner of the fire, crews and dozers made progress establishing and securing containment lines along the east flank. Firefighters also began constructing direct and indirect lines along the southern and western flanks of the fire utilizing existing roads and a major ridge.

Helicopters dropped water and air tankers dropped retardant to assist firefighting efforts, but poor visibility due to smoky conditions limited the use of aircraft in some sections of the fire. Lingering smoke may hinder air operations again today.

The fire grew about 600 acres to the north Tuesday. An incoming low pressure system will bring cooler weather and showers are expected this afternoon and into Thursday. High temperatures ranging from 70 to 80 degrees and minimum humidity around 35 to 40 percent are forecasted for today.

Fire personnel will take advantage of the weather by continuing to build containment lines as close to the fire's edge as possible. A structure protection group to assess home protection needs remains in place in the event the fire grows and threatens homes and businesses in the area.

A Level 1 Evacuation Notice, advising residents to be ready, remains in effect for residences in the Pickett Creek, Shan Creek, Riverbanks Road, and Taylor Creek Road areas. Road, area and campground closures have been issued for public and firefighter safety.

A public meeting will be held at Flemming Middle School, Thursday at 6:30 p.m. to provide information regarding the Onion Mountain Fire. The school address is 6001 Monument Drive, Grants Pass, OR 97526. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

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**Fire at a Glance**

**Size:** 3,735 acres  
**Containment:** 5%  
**Assigned personnel:** 514

**Aircraft:**

6 Heavy-lift helicopters  
5 Medium-lift helicopters  
2 Light-lift helicopters  
5 Air Tankers available  
2 Fixed-wing air management aircraft

**Location:** 15 miles west of Grants Pass, Oregon

**Area Closures:** Detailed information regarding the area closures can be found at:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/rogue-siskiyou/>

**Closures:** Sam Brown Campground and Horse Camp, Briggs Campground, Myers Campground, Portions of Forest Road (FR) 2500, FR 2509, and FR 2706.

**Notifications: Level and Area**

1	Pickett Creek area, Shan Creek Road from Riverbanks Rd west; Riverbanks Rd from Limpy Creek Rd to Robertson Bridge; Taylor Crk Rd.
2	None
3	None

**Fire Information Number:**  
541-471-7441

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**Fire Information Websites**  
<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4111/>

“Josephine County Emergency Preparedness” Facebook Page  
[www.swofire.com](http://www.swofire.com)

