

**Onion Mountain Fire  
Daily Update  
Sunday, September 21, 2014**



**Ross Williams,  
Incident  
Commander**

**Yesterday**, forecasted winds did not materialize over the fire and crews were able to focus on patrol and mop-up activities. The affect of recent rain was still evident on much of the fire, giving crews continued opportunities to make good progress with suppression activities.

Firefighters all around the fire perimeter continued to reinforce existing lines, monitor interior areas, and mop-up any hot spots found. Hose lays were extended along the perimeter, bringing water to many sections of the line, thus increasing the effectiveness of the mop-up activities. Several hot spots were found 60 to 100 feet inside existing lines. These were actively treated by ground crews and should present no serious threat to the current perimeter.

Minimal Impact Suppression Tanks (portable water tanks) were placed by helicopter in remote sections of the fire. These provide water to hose lines where water sources are inadequate and/or unavailable. Helicopters will be used to fill and resupply these tanks in support of mop-up activities.

**Today**, crews will continue to monitor and mop-up along all sections of the perimeter. Helicopters will support ground crews as needed. Chippers will be used to treat and scatter brush removed from roadways that are being used as contingency or control lines.

The **weather** is expected to cool gradually over the next few days; humidity will rise; winds will be light out of the west. This should decrease the chance of active fire developing. Possible wetting rain is expected Wednesday and Thursday.

**Thanks** to the Valley Immediate Care Clinic (Dr. Jeff Williams, Trisha Meek, Lisa Wolford, and Patty Bons) for donating their time and to the West Main Pharmacy for donating medications to treat many of the firefighters who have been infected with poison oak. This saved a lot of time and effort that would have been needed to take firefighters into town for treatment.

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**Fire at a Glance**

**Size:** 4,105 acres  
**Containment:** 40%  
**Assigned personnel:** 972

**Aircraft:**

5 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

**Closures:** Sam Brown Campground and Horse Camp, Briggs Campground, Myers Campground, Portions of Forest Roads 2500, 2509, and 2706. See the forest website for specific information.

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

**Evacuation Notifications:**

Level and Area

1	Pickett Creek area, Shan Creek Road from Riverbanks Rd west; Taylor Creek Rd; Galice Creek Rd from Galice Rd to Soldier Camp.
2	None
3	None

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