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Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest Fire Update

SOUTHWEST OR –The Medford Interagency Communications Center is managing 50 staffed fires on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. Most of these fires remain less than 3 acres in size. The Forest continues to prioritize resources depending on the fire location and threat to communities, private lands, and other infrastructure. Firefighters have made good progress in containing numerous fire starts, especially in the Siskiyou Mountains, resulting from lightning strikes over the last several days.

The National Creek Complex is approximately 50 acres in size and includes the Crescent Fire within the Crater Lake National Park boundary, the Fish Lake and Fish Mountain fires within Rouge-Umpqua Divide Wilderness Area, and the National Fire on the Forest. On Wednesday evening a Type 2 Incident Management Team will assume command of the incident. A Type 3 Incident Management Team stationed at the Butte Falls Ranger Station has been assigned to the Rustler Complex in the High Cascades.

The Forest will continue conducting aerial reconnaissance today looking for additional starts, as visibility permits. For information regarding the location of these fires, please visit the Medford Interagency Communication Center at <http://www.wildcad.net/WCOR-MIC.htm>.

Thunderstorms are expected to return this coming weekend. Fire officials will continue to prepare for additional lightning activity on very dry fuels.

The Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest remains under Fire Restrictions. We ask that all forest visitors be particularly vigilant with anything that could create a spark, and to follow all fire restrictions currently in place. If you discover a fire, please notify the proper authorities by calling 911. Visit the Forest website for more information at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/rogue-siskiyou/alerts-notice>.

The forest is receiving assistance from numerous cooperators, including the Coos Forest Protective Association, Oregon Department of Forestry, and private contract resources.

For information on Oregon Department of Forestry protected lands, visit: www.swofire.com.

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