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# News Release

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## Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest Fire Update

SOUTHWEST OR – The Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest continues to make progress on multiple lightning-caused fires across the forest; additional resources are in route, including two Type 2 teams.

Tonight at 6:00 p.m. Northern Rockies Type 2 Incident Management Team, led by Incident Commander Dianne Hutton will assume command of the National Creek Complex, the largest on the Forest.

The Southern and Western Wyoming Type 3 Incident Management Team 3, led by Incident Commander Ronald Steffens is stationed in the town of Butte Falls and is managing the Rustler Complex. The Rustler Complex includes approximately 17 small fires. Approximately 200 personnel are staffing these fires, and more resources will arrive as needed. Fire officials expect to find more starts throughout the week.

A map showing the National Creek Complex and Rustler Complex has been made available on InciWeb at [inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4450/](http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4450/).

The Collier Fire, located on the Gold Beach Ranger District in Kalmiopsis Wilderness has burned approximately 30 to 40 acres. The Oregon Type 2 Team 3 led by Incident Commander Doug Johnson, will inbrief and assume command of the Collier Fire tonight in Gold Beach at 6:00 p.m.

The Stein Butte Fire (8 acres), located in the Siskiyou Mountain Ranger District southeast of Applegate Lake, is in the mop-up phase. Firefighters have made good progress as well toward containment of The Lake Creek Fire (4 acres), located on the Powers Ranger District. Most of the other fires on all districts are also in the mop-up phase.

On the coast, a “Chetco Effect” has drawn warm air from a northern high pressure weather system and a southern thermal low that comes together and channels it through the Chetco River Valley towards the coast to the Brookings area, increasing heat and potential for active fire behavior along the coast. Throughout the Rogue River- Siskiyou National Forest, thunderstorms are expected to return this coming weekend. Fire officials will continue to prepare for additional lightning activity on very dry fuels.

There is the potential for area closures on some of these fires. Stay tuned to InciWeb and the Forest website for updates.



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The Rogue River-Siskiyou NF remains under Fire Restrictions. Visit the Forest website for more information at: [www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/roque-siskiyou/alerts-notice](http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/roque-siskiyou/alerts-notice).

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For smoke information and to check DEQ's Air Quality Index, go to: [www.oregonsmoke.blogspot.com](http://www.oregonsmoke.blogspot.com).

**Fire Details:** Firefighters continue to conduct reconnaissance and gain more information. This table will be updated as more information becomes available.

Fire Name	Size	General Location
National Creek Complex Crescent Fire Fish Lake Fire Fish Mountain Fire National Fire	59 acres total	Vicinity of National Creek Falls just north of the Douglas/Jackson County line, and north of the Union Creek Campground on Highway 62
Rustler Complex	17	15 miles northeast of Butte Falls in the Sky Lakes Wilderness, west of the Pacific Crest Trail
Collier Fire	40	Gold Beach Ranger District in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness
Stein Butte	8 acres	Siskiyou Mountain Ranger District southeast of Applegate Lake
Lake Creek Fire	4	Powers Ranger District