

Fire Update

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Collier Butte Fire – Gold Beach, Oregon

Location: Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, 18 miles east of Gold Beach

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Oregon Smoke Information: <http://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com/>



Current Situation:

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| 10,812 acres | 40% Containment | 233 Personnel | 3 Crews | 2 Dozers |
| 2 Helicopters | 7 Water Tenders | 6 Engines | | |

With the south, west and north firelines secure, a transfer of command from Oregon Interagency Incident Management Team 3 to a local incident management team will take place Wednesday morning. The incoming Team will shadow Team 3 today to gain insight on the fire suppression activities and tactics utilized.

Firefighters will work along the south containment line today to mop up utilizing hand tools and water from hose lays. Larger inaccessible hotspots will be controlled with bucket drops from helicopters. Crews and engines will again patrol the containment lines on the west and north flanks. Crews will remain diligent to the fires movement as winds over the fire area will be shifting throughout the day.

Needles and weakened trees have started to fall on previously burned areas, the potential for re-burn remains a threat. As the wildfire continues to slowly spread in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness, natural barriers with sparse vegetation are limiting fire growth to the east. Firefighters. Helicopters will be used to cool the fire's edge.

Alternate fire lines and other suppression areas which are no longer needed are being repaired to standards provided by resources advisors. Waterbars and pulling berms back onto lines are examples of repair strategies, these actions allow the impacted areas to return to a more natural state by holding soil and vegetation in place.

The south containment line prevents the fire from spreading into Mislatah Creek and the Chetco River watershed. Current water sources in the vicinity have been adequate to support the needs of the fire suppression effort. To date, there has been no water withdrawal from the Chetco River, and none are anticipated. If absolutely necessary, however, the following measures will be taken: (1) tenders will be filled before leaving Gold Beach, (2) fish screens will be used in coho critical habitat, (3) no helicopters will dip from the Chetco River, and (4) no more than 12,000 gallons per day would be removed – an impact of 0.03% of the overall daily flow.

Smoke may be visible along south coast communities and Agness for the remainder of the fire season. For information on closures on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, please see the Facebook page or the Inciweb page listed above.

With extreme drought conditions in southwest Oregon, the public is encouraged to use caution outdoors. Any type of spark or flame may ignite a wildfire. Please follow local fire restrictions and remain mindful of fire prevention.

