

Fire Update

Thursday, August 27, 2015 - Morning

Collier Butte Fire – Gold Beach, Oregon

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

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Facebook: [U.S. Forest Service-Rogue River - Siskiyou National Forest](https://www.facebook.com/USForestServiceRogueRiver)

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



Current Situation:

11,100 acres

55% Containment

155 Personnel

3 Crews

2 Helicopters

5 Water Tenders

5 Engines

Despite the great deal of work that has been accomplished on the Collier Butte Fire, there is still much to complete. Firefighters are patrolling all primary containment lines, mopping-up burning and smoldering materials and securing perimeters as needed. Although a significant amount of rain is anticipated on the fire this weekend, personnel are repeatedly reminded to remain vigilant. Fuels remain extremely dry and highly receptive to any ignition source. There is a reasonable chance that a re-burn could occur in some areas of the fire. Dead, dry needles have fallen from trees in some burned areas creating a carpet up to an inch thick of flashy fuels.

Today, firefighters will work to extend contingency line to the Illinois River in the north. Managers plan to stretch line across the river south of Oak Flat in Curry County and wrap around the community on its south and east sides, thereby providing an added measure of protection to the area.

Additionally, personnel will continue to construct waterbars wherever possible in anticipation of predicted rain event this weekend. One inch or more is possible in the fire area. A rain event will help to cool hot spots and aid mop-up operations. It will also slow the fire's spread to the east in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness. Helicopters have been delivering water to heat sources on this flank of the fire, and it will continue to be monitored by aircraft as conditions allow.

The Emergency Area Closure remains in place on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. Please see the Facebook page or the Inciweb page listed above for all closure information. The temporary flight restriction over the fire area also remains in place.

Bow hunting season opens this weekend. Hunters and outdoor enthusiasts should use caution while recreating on private and public lands. Extreme drought conditions exist in southwest Oregon creating very receptive fuels. Any spark or flame may ignite a wildfire, so please follow local fire restrictions and remain mindful of fire prevention.

