

# Fire Update

Thursday, August 27, 2015 - Evening

## 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/>



**This is the final day that an evening update will be released from the Collier Butte Fire. Beginning tomorrow – August 28, 2015 – a single daily update will be distributed in the morning.**

### Current Situation:

11,100 acres	55% Containment	155 Personnel
3 Crews	2 Helicopters	
5 Water Tenders	5 Engines	

Activity picked up along the east flank of the Collier Butte Fire today as it advanced toward the Big Craggies area, burning pockets of fuel as it approaches this natural barrier. Helicopters continued delivering water to heat sources on the east side of the fire, keeping it in check. Furthermore, an effort was made in completing the line south of Oak Flat in Curry County. It should complete Friday and will wrap around the community.

Additionally, firefighters continued securing the perimeter of the fire. Their primary efforts were in mopping-up burning and smoldering materials and patrolling all primary containment lines. Fuels remain extremely dry and are receptive to any ignition source. Although a significant amount of rain is anticipated on the fire this weekend, personnel are repeatedly reminded to remain vigilant. In areas where burning was incomplete, there is a reasonable chance of re-burning.

Chipping operations are nearly complete on contingency line along FR 3680. When complete, that chipper will move to the north and join another chipper already working to complete operations on line approaching the Illinois River.

With the likely arrival of wetting rains, crews constructed water bars and other soil management to control water runoff. A rain event should help to cool hot spots and aid in mop-up operations. It will also slow the fires spread to the east in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness. Fire Behavior specialists say this is not a season ending event.

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.

