

# Fire Update

Friday, August 28, 2015

## 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/>



**The Collier Butte Fire is now producing one daily update.  
There will be no PM update this evening.**

### Current Situation:

11,400 acres	55% Containment	159 Personnel
3 Crews	2 Helicopters	
5 Water Tenders	5 Engines	

Yesterday, fire activity picked up along the east flank of the Collier Butte Fire 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, helping to keep it in check. Given that fuel moistures are currently around 14%, this activity may continue today, therefore they must also watch out for single tree torching and re-burns from needle cast or vegetative materials that get ignited.

Today, crews will continue mopping-up the firelines to a minimum of 50 feet in depth. They will also “back-haul” equipment – pulling tools and gear no longer required on the fireline and returning them to camp.

Chipping operations continue 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 will be constructing water bars and other soil management to control water runoff. The rain event coming Friday night should help to cool hot spots and aid in mop-up operations. It will also slow the fire’s 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.

With the weekend coming fire fighters would like to remind the public to watch out for fire equipment working in the area. 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.

