

# Chetco Bar Fire (541) 469-1177



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PNW Team 3, Noel Livingston, Incident Commander

## Fire Update – August 27, 2017 9:00 a.m. (PST)

### Community Fire Briefing Tonight, Sunday, August 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Fire managers will provide an update about operations on the Chetco Bar Fire. This community fire briefing will be held at the Brookings-Harbor High School, 625 Pioneer Road, Brookings, Oregon.

**Weather and Fire Behavior:** A “Red Flag” warning has been issued for the Chetco Bar Fire area through Monday. The designation “Red Flag Warning” means “*that critical fire weather conditions are either occurring now, or will shortly. Gusty winds, low humidity or dry, unstable conditions will create the potential,*” according to the National Weather Service. For the Chetco Bar Fire area, the warning includes gusty, erratic winds, low relative humidity, particularly at higher elevations, and unstable atmospheric conditions which could lead to fire spreading through the tops of trees and the potential for plume dominated fire growth.

Very heavy smoke impacts are expected today in regional communities surrounding the Chetco Bar Fire. For information about smoke and air quality in the Chetco Bar Fire area, visit:

<https://wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlooks/2017/ChetcoBar#Overview>

**Yesterday:** While there was little wind to influence fire growth, aerial support was hindered by poor visibility from the smoke staying in place over the fire area. Most active burning on the fire occurred on the northern portion, with the smoke column reaching 20,000 feet in the Johnson Butte area. There was also active fire in the Tin Cup area and around the East Fork of the Pistol River.

Firefighters built and improved both direct and indirect fireline, scouted for opportunities for alternate firelines and improved roads to be used as firelines. They continued with structure protection efforts, including installing and maintaining hoselays, thinning and pulling flammable materials back from homes and structures.

**Today:** Crews will continue to strengthen and mop-up containment lines on the southwestern corner of the fire. To the north and south, crews are scouting for, and building direct and indirect fireline using existing roads, ridgetops that are sparsely vegetated and previously burned areas.

Structure protection efforts continue, focusing on reducing fuels around homes. The structure protection group is also installing hoselays and sprinkler systems.

**Evacuations/Closure Information:** The Curry County Sheriff’s Office decreased the evacuation level yesterday for residences in a level 3 evacuation zone starting at Henderson Road and Carpenterville Road north to Cape Ferrello Road and east and west off Carpenterville Road, homeowners will be allowed to return to their homes. More information, including the re-entry process, is available at: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/article/5385/39102>. A map, showing Level I, II and III evacuation areas can be viewed at <https://tinyurl.com/ChetcoBarEvac>. The Red Cross is operating a shelter at Riley Creek Elementary, 94350 6th St., Gold Beach, Oregon.

Quick Facts Incident Summary	
Size:	107,993 acres
Start Date:	July 12, 2017
Cause:	Lightning
Location	5 miles northeast of Brookings, Oregon
Incident Commanders:	Melvin Thornton, CFPA Scott Magers, Oregon State Fire Marshal Noel Livingston, PNW Team 3
Resources on the Fire	Crews: 42 Engines: 105 Helicopters: 15 Dozers: 26 Water Tenders: 31
Total Personnel	1,662
Helpful Links	
<b>Interactive Fire and Evacuation Map:</b> <a href="http://arcg.is/2vWQN2N">http://arcg.is/2vWQN2N</a>	
<b>Firewise Communities:</b> <a href="http://www.firewise.org/?sso=0">http://www.firewise.org/?sso=0</a>	
<b>Curry Alert (Reverse 911):</b> <a href="https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736723773#/login">https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736723773#/login</a>	

### Additional Chetco Bar Fire Information

Stop by the **Fire Information Station** at the Fred Meyer Parking lot in Brookings, Oregon.

**Blog:** [ChetcoBarFire.wordpress.com](http://ChetcoBarFire.wordpress.com)  
<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5385/>

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