

Fire Size:
182,284 acres

Containment:
5%

Resources:
Hand Crews: 43
Helicopters: 7
Engines: 46
Dozers: 20
Water Tenders: 31
Skidders: 2

Total Personnel:
1,534

Location:
5 miles east of Brookings,
OR

Started:
07/12/2017

Cause:
Lightning

Incident Commanders:
Beth Lund, GB Team 1
Melvin Thorton, CFPA

For more information:

Visit us on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/chetcobarfire/>

See our InciWeb post:
<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5385/#>

Call the Information Line:
619-894-9111

Air quality information:
<https://www.wildlandfires.moke.net/outlooks/2017/ChetcoBar#Overview>



Great Basin
Team 1



Rogue River –
Siskiyou NF



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September 11, 2017 Update

Upcoming Community Meeting Planned for Agness on Tuesday

There will be a community fire briefing in Agness on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Agness Community Building, 3927 Cougar Ln, Agness, OR 97406.

The Chetco Bar fire camp welcomed distinguished visitors on Sunday morning, including Governor Kate Brown, US Forest Service Chief Tony Tooke, Senator Ron Wyden, Major General Michael Stencel, and House Representative Peter DeFazio.

Providing for public and firefighter safety is the top priority for Great Basin Incident Management Team 1. Yesterday saw little growth despite the potential for increased fire activity. The fire area is currently experiencing a warm and dry trend that is expected to last through tomorrow. Higher than average temperatures are expected for today, along with low relative humidities and increased NW winds. This weather pattern has the potential to result in increased fire behavior, but areas of heat are scattered and recent activity has been minimal.

Ground and aviation resources will continue to engage the fire in a safe and effective manner. Engines and hand crews will be patrolling for spot fires and working with helicopters to extinguish existing heat sources along the west side. Fire crews will continue to maintain and enhance containment on completed lines, and construct indirect and contingency lines.

Smoke production is expected to increase today. NE winds will push smoke toward the coastal areas of Gold Beach, Brookings and south into NW California. Highway 101 and local roadways may see reduced visibility in these areas. Moderate to heavy smoke impacts are expected for inland communities surrounding the Chetco Bar fire today. Cave Junction, Grants Pass and areas east of Medford are expected to experience a slow rise in smoke conditions.

Level 3 evacuation orders for areas outside the fire perimeter were reduced to Level 2 as of Friday at 11 am. Residents are urged to remain prepared to evacuate should the need arise.

Weather: Monday will be the warmest and hottest day of the week, which may facilitate increased fire behavior. Temperatures could increase to 87° F today, but will decline steadily throughout the week. The marine layer will be absent this morning but may return as humidities rise and temperatures decline. Relative humidity will be in the 20% range during the day on Monday, and increase to 40% at night. A sustained NE wind of 10 mph is expected Monday with gusts up to 25 mph. Wind speed will decrease Tuesday, shifting to NW at a sustained 7 mph, gusting to 12 mph. Lower temperatures and higher humidities are expected later this week with a 10% chance of precipitation forecasted for Tuesday and Wednesday.

Closures and Evacuations: Level 1 and Level 2 evacuation orders remain for portions of Brookings-Harbor and the Upper Winchuck areas. Level 3 evacuations remain for areas within the fire perimeter. For further information on local forest area closures, see closure order: https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd558041.pdf

Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR): There is a TFR over the Chetco Bar Fire. <http://tfr.faa.gov/>