

Chetco Bar Fire Update

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Saturday, October 7, 2017

The Chetco Bar Fire remains 98% contained with a few isolated areas of light to moderate fire activity. The recent warming and drying trend has caused backing, creeping, and smoldering in an area of concern within the Wheeler Creek drainage. Fire personnel scouted the area yesterday and observed minimal fire behavior but heavy smoke due to thick leaf litter on the forest floor. This area is currently well within the containment line but with hot and dry weather fire personnel are developing plans for taking action both in the air and on the ground.

Crews have finished chipping operations along the northwest perimeter and south of the Chetco River. Grading and seeding operations along Forest Road 070 near Mt. Emily will continue for the next few days.

Firefighters continue to patrol the fire perimeter, mop-up any potential areas of heat, and work on suppression repair.

Weather and Fire Behavior:

A weak cold front will push through the area, bringing increased winds and scattered showers north of the Umpqua Divide. Sunday will remain cool with gusty north to northeast winds developing in the evening. Gusting winds are expected Sunday continuing into early next week. The fire is backing and flanking north and east of the 240 Road.

Safety:

Please be mindful of crews in transit and slow-moving heavy equipment on the roads. Drive cautiously with headlights on at all times when firefighters and equipment are in the area. Motorists may notice an increase in traffic on forest roads, as it is deer hunting rifle season.

Closures:

The most recent Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest closure order narrative and map is available to view on Inciweb at: inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/closures/5385. "Know before you go" by calling (541) 618-2200 or visiting www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/rogue-siskiyou/alerts-notices.

A BAER in the Woods:

The Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) Team has completed the field portion of their work. The team, which is comprised of US Forest Service, National Park Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration employees, is now working to compile their report for the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. These specialists have been conducting field surveys, utilizing science-based models to rapidly assess watersheds, taking inventory of resources at risk and gauging the need for emergency measures and treatments on National Forest lands. The goal is to minimize threats to life or property and stabilize and prevent unacceptable degradation to natural and cultural resources resulting from fire effects. The Bureau of Land Management has completed a BAER assessment for lands under their jurisdiction.

Quick Facts Incident Summary

Approximate Acreage	191,100 ac.
Approximate Containment	98%
Reported Date (Cause)	July 12 (lightning)
Incident Commander	Kris Schroeder, Type 3 Incident Management Team
Resources on the Fires	2 crews, 2 helicopters, 6 water tenders
Total Personnel	93
Jurisdiction	Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, Bureau of Land Management Coos Bay District, Coos Forest Protective Association and Oregon Department of Forestry Southwest Oregon District

ONLINE RESOURCES

Fire Inciweb:

inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5385/

BAER Inciweb:

inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5631

Closures:

tinyurl.com/ybxbn4zc

Fire Facebook:

facebook.com/chetcobarfire/

Forest Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/R6RRSNF>