

# Chetco Bar Fire Update

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Thursday, October 12, 2017

*\*\*\*Northern California is currently experiencing wildfire season. Smokes from these fires may be visible at times as air currents move northwards up the coast.\*\*\**

Wetting rain has dampened fire activity throughout the Chetco Bar Fire perimeter. Suppression repair is scheduled for completion today. Hand crews finished seeding operations and placement of water bars yesterday along Forest Road 060, and chipping operations are nearly complete along Forest Road 240.

The Burned Area Emergency Response team has approved a portion of funding for emergency hazard tree removal. Forest Road 1376 (North Bank Chetco) has been designated as a priority for this removal, in order to provide for the safety of residents and private logging operations along this road. These operations will commence within the week.

Firefighters continue to patrol, mop up, and complete suppression repair operations as needed throughout the perimeter.

### Weather and Fire Behavior:

Rain showers will continue today through early Friday morning. Another round of showers is expected Friday evening. Light breezy winds will return Friday night into Saturday with dry and mild weather expected this weekend into Monday.

### 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 due to hunting season.

### Closures:

An updated Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest closure order narrative and map is available to view on Inciweb at: [inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/closures/5385](http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/closures/5385). "Know Before You Go" by calling (541) 618-2200 or visiting [www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/roque-siskiyou/alerts-notice](http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/roque-siskiyou/alerts-notice).

### A BAER in the Woods:

The Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) Team will be holding a public meeting today, Thursday, October 12, from 12:30 – 2:00 pm at Chetco Community Library to present their findings to the public. The team, which is comprised of US Forest Service, National Park Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration employees, 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	191,121 ac.*
Approximate Containment	97%*
Reported Date (Cause)	July 12 (lightning)
Incident Commander	Kris Schroeder, Type 3 Incident Management Team
Resources on the Fires	2 crews, 2 helicopters, 2 engines, 2 graders, 7 water tenders
Total Personnel	90
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

\*altered containment percentage and acreage reflects pockets of isolated heat in the Wheeler Creek drainage

## ONLINE RESOURCES

### Fire Inciweb:

[inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5385/](http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5385/)

### BAER Inciweb:

[inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5631](http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5631)

### Closures:

[tinyurl.com/ybpxn4zc](http://tinyurl.com/ybpxn4zc)

### Fire Facebook:

[facebook.com/chetcobarfire](https://facebook.com/chetcobarfire)

### Forest Facebook:

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