

# Joint Information Center Fire Update August 4, 2018



Information for Southwest Oregon Fires is available at the Joint Information Center (JIC) at 541-474-5305 7 AM – 10 PM. Email: [swofireinfo@gmail.com](mailto:swofireinfo@gmail.com); blogspot: <http://swojic.blogspot.com>

Fire Summary (as reported on at 9:00 a.m. August 4)			
FIRE NAME	ACRES	CONTAINMENT	PERSONNEL
TAYLOR CREEK FIRE	36,406	34%	1,234
GARNER COMPLEX	8,886 (Combined total for all fires)	75%	1,467
SUGAR PINE	8,496 (Combined total for all fires)	N/A	954
KLONDIKE	25,873	5%	450
NATCHEZ	9,463	25%	863
HENDRIX	1,082	70%	220
SOUTH UMPQUA	23,726 (Combined total for all fires)	18%	1,032

The Timber Crater 6 fire has transitioned to a Type 3 team and the JIC has no further updates.

## WEATHER

Weather today will be mostly sunny with patchy smoke. Increasing humidity along with a cooling trend is expected through today, with a return to hotter and drier weather starting early next week.

## SMOKE

The change in location of smoke production has helped reduce the direct impacts to Southwest Oregon the last few days. Winds have transported much of the smoke out of the area. Much of Southwest Oregon is forecast for moderate air quality today. Smoky conditions could return tomorrow afternoon when westerly winds may introduce smoke to the area again.

For relief from smoke, travel to the Oregon Coast, or north into the Roseburg area.

## EVACUATIONS

<b>LEVEL 1 - BE READY</b>	<b>Level 2 - BE SET</b>	<b>LEVEL 3 - GO!</b>
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More info about evacuation levels and preparedness can be found at <http://www.rvem.org>.

Josephine County current evacuation information is available at the Josephine County Sheriff's website at <http://www.co.josephine.or.us/News.asp?SectionID=180>.

Jackson County current evacuation information is available at the Jackson County Sheriff's website at <http://jacksoncountyor.org/sheriff/News>.

Douglas County current evacuation information is available at the Douglas County Sheriff's website at <http://www.dcsso.com/#>.

Per the Natchez Fire Incident Management Team, the community of Sunstar, California has been placed in a Level 1 evacuation "Ready" status. Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office has issued an evacuation order for two residences near the terminus of South Fork Road (Rd 17N32) and an evacuation warning for all residences accessed by the South Fork Road (Rd 17N32) and all residences accessed by the Grayback road north of the junction of South Fork Road (Rd 17N32) and Grayback road.

Information about fire evacuation levels is also available from the Joint Information Center at 541-474-5305.

## **CLOSURES**

### **GARNER COMPLEX**

NONE

### **TAYLOR CREEK**

Due to increased fire behavior and firefighting operations on the Taylor Creek Fire, **Bear Camp Road is closed.**

The Rogue River-Siskiyou NF Taylor Creek Fire Emergency Area Closure Order 06-10-22-18-62 closes national forest lands near the Taylor Creek Fire for public health and safety. Effective July 19, 2018 through October 31, 2018, unless sooner rescinded. Detailed information and a map of the area closure are available at <https://tinyurl.com/RRSiskiyou>.

There is a BLM closure order for lands and recreation areas along portions of the Rogue River. The order does not affect river operations, however access to the river is limited in the closed area. Information is available from <https://tinyurl.com/TaylorFireClosure>.

The Oregon State Marine Board filed a temporary rule to close boating effective immediately on the Rogue River from Hog Creek to Galice due to the Taylor Creek Fire: <https://www.oregon.gov/osmb/Pages/Rogue-River-Temporary-Closure.aspx>.

### **NATCHEZ**

The Rogue River-Siskiyou and Klamath National Forests have issued emergency area closures for the Natchez and Klondike Fires. Be sure to check the Forest websites for information about current conditions: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/rogue-siskiyou/alerts-notices> and <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/klamath/alerts-notices>.

### **TIMBER CRATER 6**

An emergency closure order has been put in place on the Chemult Ranger District of the Fremont-Winema National Forest bordering Crater Lake National Park. For more information go to: [www.fs.usda.gov/fremont-winema](http://www.fs.usda.gov/fremont-winema).

### **HENDRIX**

The Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest Hendrix Fire Area Closure for the southern portion of the Siskiyou Mountains Ranger District has been updated but a closure remains in effect. Detailed information and a map of the area closure are available at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/rogue-siskiyou>.

## **SUGAR PINE**

An Emergency Road and Area Fire Closure has been issued by the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. All portions of the Forest west of Forest Roads 68 near the northern boundary and all of 6640 are closed. This area is bounded on the south by BLM and private land, to the north and west by the Umpqua National Forest and to the east by open portions of the Rogue River- Siskiyou National Forest.

## **SOUTH UMPQUA**

The Umpqua National Forest has implemented emergency road and trail closures on the Tiller Ranger District because of the South Umpqua Complex. This closure order is a combination of roads and trails which had remained closed from last year's fire season. With continued fire suppression operations, the closures are essential to allow for public and firefighter safety. In addition, this Forest Order includes previous closures on the Diamond Lake Ranger District and North Umpqua Ranger District to create a current and comprehensive list. More information is available at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/umpqua/alerts-notices>.

## **LINKS TO SPECIFIC INCIDENTS**

Klondike-- <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5998/>

Natchez-- <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5948/>

Taylor Creek-- <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6058/>

Garner-- <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5935/>

Hendrix-- <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5939/>

Sugar Pine-- <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5966/>

South Umpqua-- <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5940/>

Timber Crater 6 -- <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5986/>

## **PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**Natchez Fire:** There will be a community meeting at the Grange in Happy Camp, California on Sunday, August 5 at 6 pm.

**Taylor Creek Fire:** There will be a community meeting tonight at North Valley High School, 6741 Monument Drive, Merlin, Oregon at 6 pm.

The Red Cross has established a shelter at the Grants Pass High School for displaced residents affected by Level 3 (Go!) evacuations. Additionally, an animal evacuation center has been set up at the Josephine County Fairgrounds organized by the Friends of the Shelter and Southern Oregon Emergency Aid.

*When you want to help...*

In a time of crisis people naturally want to reach out and help. We appreciate those efforts and have a few suggestions for you to consider.

Most appreciated by firefighters:

- Thank you notes and banners
- Donation information: <http://www.roguevalley.recovers.org>
- Donations to Wildland Firefighter Foundation: <http://www.wffoundation.org>

Other ideas:

- Join or support your local fire department or emergency organizations- they appreciate your generosity since they are the first responders in many cases.

- Donate to local charitable organizations like the Red Cross.
- Donate to local food banks, which sometimes get forgotten when fires impact a community.
- Create and maintain a defensible space around your home! Give emergency responders and yourself a safe area to defend your home in or retreat to, if necessary.

*Note:* Fire camps cannot accept food items due to health and federal contract regulations. We feed our assigned fire crews three meals a day plus snacks.