



Eagle Complex Update

Thursday, August 27, 2015

Incident Summary

Start Date: August 11, 2015
Cause: Lightning
Location: 20 miles NW of Richland, OR
Size: 11,908 acres
Containment: 7 %
Resources: 328 personnel
9 Crews, 14 Engines, 4 Water
Tenders, 7 Dozers, 4 Type 1
Helicopters, 1 Type 3 Helicopter

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QR Code for Maps:



On Wednesday, air support from fixed wing aircraft - including one 11,600 gallon retardant drop from a DC-10 VLAT (Very Large Air Tanker) - totaled 30,000 gallons on the Eagle Complex with an additional 2,000 gallons dropped using heavy helicopters. The aerial resources assisted firefighters in securing containment lines and cooling hot spots across the fire, primarily focusing on the East Eagle area where crews continued preparing lines in preparation for a burnout running from the eastern most section of the fire to the Little Eagle Creek. Crews were able to bring fire from the southern edge of the fire to the east of Forest Service Road 7745, down the hill to the road. Finally, structure protection measures remain in place around the fire perimeter including near Footbridge, just north of where the fire is continuing to back down the Boulder Creek and Two Colors drainages toward Forest Service Road 7755.

On Thursday, winds are expected to remain out of the south-southwest with gusts up to 20 mph. Indirect containment lines running east to west from the eastern-most section of the fire to the Eagle Cap Wilderness are expected to be completed today, and firefighters plan to burnout from the containment lines to secure the fire's eastern edge as conditions allow. Aerial resources will continue supporting firefighters on the ground during the burnout operation. Crews remain engaged in mop up efforts on Forest Service Road 77 to the junction of the 7745 road to secure the southern edge of the fire, as well as continuing mop-up around structures in the East Eagle Creek area.

Evacuations: The Baker County Sheriff's Office maintains a LEVEL 3 evacuation notice to include where the intersection of the 7700 road turns to the Northeast at the intersection of the 7700 and 7015 roads up the Long Creek drainage to the wilderness.

The evacuation levels for the area south of the 7735 road, South of the junction of the 7735 and 7700 road to McBride Campground and over to Carson down to the forest boundary remain at LEVEL 2 (Get Set). Evacuation levels for the Eagle Complex are available on the interactive incident map (<http://arcg.is/1I5DaJw>).

Area Fire Closures: There is an area closure in effect for the Eagle Complex near Main Eagle, East Eagle, Tamarack Campground and Two Color Campground. Please see the link to the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Website (<http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/wallowa-whitman/home>).