



Eagle Complex Update

Friday, August 28, 2015

Incident Summary

Start Date: August 11, 2015
Cause: Lightning
Location: 20 miles NW of Richland, OR
Size: 12,298 acres
Containment: 25 %
Resources: 323 personnel
9 Crews, 12 Engines, 4 Water
Tenders, 7 Dozers, 3 Type 1
Helicopters, 1 Type 3 Helicopter

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QR Code for Maps:



On Thursday, firefighters were able to begin a burnout operation that continued into the night from the eastern flank of the fire to nearby Little Eagle Creek. The burning is occurring off of an indirect fire line that crews and dozers have been preparing around the easternmost portion of the fire to the Eagle Cap Wilderness to cut off fire progression to the south and east. Additionally, the fire continued to back down into the Two Colors and Boulder Creek drainages. Firefighters employing structure protection measures near Footbridge were aided by two Blackhawk helicopters from the Oregon Army National Guard that cooled hotspots. The helicopters dropped a total of 25,500 gallons of water and retardant on the Eagle Complex yesterday including structure protection efforts in East Eagle Creek. Crews were also able to complete mop-up of Forest Service Road 77 yesterday, while continuing mop-up in East Eagle Creek.

On Friday, burnout operations will continue from the eastern flank of the fire to the Eagle Cap Wilderness boundary. Aerial resources will be on hand to help with suppression efforts and to assist the burnout operation through aerial ignition or PSD (definition from previous release). As soon as possible, firefighters will begin mopping up the fire line at the edge of the burnout to begin securing it in anticipation of forecasted winds on Saturday that are expected to be sustained at 15-20 mph with gusts up to 35 mph. Structure protection will continue in the Footbridge area with the assistance of the Oregon Army National Guard Blackhawks and a Sky Crane, while firefighters in the East Eagle Creek area will continue to mop-up along the fire's edge.

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>).