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## Pony Fire Update: June 29, 2016

Happy Camp, CA -- The Pony Fire is burning on the Klamath National Forest, about fifteen miles southwest of Happy Camp and west of Highway 96. The fire remains at 2,858 acres and 63 percent contained. The fire has not grown in the last week.

Crews continue to make great progress on mop-up operations along the fire's perimeter and continue to patrol the containment lines on the northern, eastern and southern perimeters. Aerial reconnaissance located another small slop-over near the Swillup Creek drainage and crews acted quickly to mitigate any fire spread potential. Aircraft and firefighters will continue to keep a close eye on this area of concern. After a few days of little activity, a small smoke was spotted in the southernmost "finger" of the fire. This area of concern will be monitored by aircraft due to steepness of the terrain and firefighter safety concerns. Burning logs rolling down hill will continue to be the biggest threat.

Temperatures were above average for the beginning of the week and will stay that way for the remainder. The return of the hot weather is helping to feed small patches of unburned fuel within the interior of the fire. The fire may see some possible cumulus cloud build up on Thursday that could lead the way for cooler temperatures over the weekend. The fire is expected to continue to creep and smolder, with the possibility of single tree torching through the week.

For public and firefighter safety, a temporary closure order has been issued for lands within and adjacent to the Pony fire. The closed area includes National Forest land west of Highway 96, north of the Ukonom Ranger District boundary, east of Siskiyou Wilderness, and south of a line defined along Crawford Creek, Forest Road 15N19, and Bear Creek/Kelsey Trail. Dillon Creek Campground remains open.

More information and maps of the closure area are available on the Klamath National Forest website ([www.fs.usda.gov/klamath](http://www.fs.usda.gov/klamath)).

Information, maps, and closures are also posted on Inciweb at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4769/>.

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