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Six Rivers National Forest



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Backbone Fire Transfer of Command

Eureka, CA, July 8, 2009 – Command was transferred this morning at 0600. Forest Service officials from the Six Rivers, Shasta-Trinity and Klamath National Forests met with the National Incident Management Organization (NIMO) team, tribal and local community leaders to begin transfer of command of the Backbone Fire from Fred Hays' Type 3 Incident Command Team.

Crews continue to work the west flank, located north along Backbone Ridge. The completed fire line is holding well and patrols of those areas have begun. The spot fire, known as Red Spot, located just south of Red Cap Lake, will be staffed by two crews today. Crews are positioned to the north of the fire area on the Klamath National Forest, on the forest boundary, south of Salmon Mountain. Work is also being done on the Shasta –Trinity National Forest at Fawn Butte, approximately two to three miles north of the Denny community.

Communities along the Salmon River corridor should expect smoke through Friday. Weaverville and communities to the east may experience smoke from the Backbone Fire as winds shift.

FIRE FACTS

Size: Approximately 4848 acres

Started: July 1, 2009

Resources threatened: no structures are threatened.

Active Fire Location: 36 miles Northeast of Willow Creek in Trinity Alps Wilderness

Resources:

- 10 hotshot crews
- 2 type II initial attack crews
- 1 helitack crew
- 1 Type 3 helicopter; 4 Type 2 helicopters, 5 Type I helicopters
- 3 engines
- 9 Water tenders
- 412 Total personnel

Closures:

- Big Rock River Access Site. There is a "No Stop Zone" from the mouth of Willow Creek to one mile downriver; visitors are asked to float through with caution, due to the helibase location.
- Horse Ridge National Recreation Trail, Salmon Summit National Scenic Trail, Mill Creek, Tish Tang, and Red Cap Trails, Bear Hole, and Grizzly Camp areas.

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