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Happy Camp Complex Emergency Closure Terminated

Yreka, CA – The Happy Camp Complex Closure Order has been terminated, effective October 21, 2014. The closure order was terminated because the Happy Camp Complex is now nearly 100 percent contained. Emergency road and suppression repair work is largely completed. Forest visitors are encouraged to please be careful of standing dead trees, road conditions, and other fire-area hazards that still exist in burned areas. The 36 total personnel and equipment who remain assigned to the Happy Camp Complex will be demobilized in the next 24 to 48 hours and management of the fire will be turned over to the respective Ranger Districts; Happy Camp Oak Knoll, Salmon Scott River and Ukonom.

Fire Behavior - Aerial reconnaissance flight results from this weekend showed no new fire growth although some latent heat within containment lines was detected on the ridge leading to Hooligan Lake and down in the bottom of Wooley Creek. Rain is predicted for today with 0.5" expected to fall over the fire area. More rain is predicted for Wednesday and later in the week. Although Fire Restrictions and closures have been lifted hunters and other visitors are asked to be extremely cautious with fire and to never leave a campfire unattended. Campfire permits are still being required for open campfires, stoves, and barbeques. The permit may be obtained free of charge from any Forest Service or CAL FIRE office or by visiting www.preventwildfireca.org.

Campground Closures – The Grider Creek Campground will remain closed and the Idlewild Campground will become closed under a new closure order, 14-05-761, effective October 22, 2014. Wildfire activity associated with the Happy Camp Complex and July Complex fires has increased the probability for debris flow in the basins above these two campgrounds. Potential damage from a debris flow at a campground includes injury to anyone present during the event, damage to vehicles, and compromised access and escape. The closure of these campgrounds will protect the public from debris flows during the winter months when storms could trigger an event. Debris flows cannot be predicted and pose a serious threat to individuals who are camping in the area.

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