



Tuesday, August 18, 2015

Joint Information Center Hotlines: 541-575-3040 or 541-575-3480

Canyon Creek Complex Update

A community meeting is scheduled for Tonight, August 18 from 5 to 5:45 p.m. at Grant Union High School's old gym.

JOHN DAY, Ore. –The Canyon Creek Complex is currently estimated at 43,738 acres. It is the number one priority nationally for resources. Additional firefighting resources continue to arrive from around the state and country. Approximately 561 firefighters are currently assigned to this incident and more will be arriving today to assist.

Yesterday firefighters constructed and improved fireline in the north. They also focused on the south. Structural firefighting crews worked directly around homes, while air resources dropped retardant and bulldozers cut line to slow the spread of fire. Several homes were saved due to the direct action of fire crews.

This evening from 5:00 to 5:45 PM a community meeting will be held at Grant Union High School's old gym. Topics will include the current fire status, disaster recovery resources and future fire suppression plans. Incident commanders, fire crews and local officials will be on scene to provide information.

Today, the fire managers expect weather similar to yesterday, with a morning inversion layer and light winds in the afternoon. Temperatures are expected to be in the lower 90's.

Communities under Level 3 and Level 2 evacuations:

<p>Level 3: Dog Creek-south of Marysville Marysville South Pine Creek – Gravel Pit, South Canyon Creek Edgewood Drive North side of Izee Hwy. & area around Seneca cow camp.</p>	<p>Level 2: Laycock Creek Adams Drive, Nans Rock Rd, West Bench Rd, Long Glade Area north of Izee Hwy.</p>	<p>Luce Creek Marysville North Pine Creek-Gravel Pit N. Dog Creek-north of Marysville</p>
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An American Red Cross shelter has been established at the Mt. Vernon Community Center at 640 Ingle Street.

The Red Cross is transitioning to providing financial and relief services for displaced residents. Those wishing to make monetary donations on behalf of displaced residents can contact the American Red Cross Mountain River Chapter at redcross.org/cascades or in person at the shelter located on Ingle Street in Mt. Vernon.

Closures

An emergency fire closure is in effect in the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness area. A copy of the closure order and map is available at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4495/> Forest Service personnel have assisted with escorting campers and other recreationalists out high-use areas, coordinating with Grant County Sheriff's Office and other local agencies to facilitate the closure.

Fire activity will likely have some affect on hunting, for more information contact-
<http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/hunting/>

Additional information on the Canyon Creek Complex can be found on Inciweb at:
<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4495/>.

Please be advised of increased fire traffic and smoky conditions throughout the area. Forest Officials ask that the public stay clear of all fire activities.

Additional fire information can be found at JDIDC - BICC sites online at: <http://bicc-jdidc.org/index.shtml>.

For more information on the Malheur National Forest, please visit us at www.fs.usda.gov/malheur, follow [U.S. Forest Service- Malheur National Forest](#) on Facebook, and follow [@MalheurNF](#) on Twitter for all the latest forest news.

To report a fire, contact the John Day Interagency Dispatch Center at 541-575-1321 or the Burns Interagency Communication Center at 541-573-1000.

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Inciweb: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4495/>

