



**Wednesday, August 19, 2015**

**Joint Information Center Hotlines: NEW NUMBERS 541-820-3643 or 541-820-3633**

***Canyon Creek Complex Update***

**Next community meeting: 5:30 pm Thursday at Grant Union High School's old gym**

**JOHN DAY, Ore.** –The Canyon Creek Complex is currently estimated at 48,201 acres. It is the number one priority nationally for resources with approximately 649 personnel currently assigned to this incident.

Yesterday, firefighters set hose lines in the northeast corner of the fire as a contingency should winds shift and again push the fire towards homes located there. The fire burned very actively in the Vance Creek area during the morning, advancing toward a main powerline that is a priority resource to protect. Late in the afternoon, the fire advanced to the south and west of the Dry Soda Lookout area. The fire also backed into the Canyon Creek area, where firefighters successfully defended homes.

Today, firefighters will again concentrate work in these two areas in order to limit the fire's expansion and protect houses and private lands. Some priority areas today are around the Wickiup Campground and Road 3925 areas on the south side of the fire and the Fall Mountain area to the west.

Recent weather patterns are expected to continue. Afternoon northwest winds may generate increased fire activity and visible smoke throughout the area.

Oregon Department of Transportation crews will continue to work along the Highway 395 corridor removing hazardous trees and material on or near the roadway.

Due to successful work on the north end of the fire, the Grant County Sheriff's Office decreased evacuation levels from Level 3 to Level 2 in some areas on the north end of the Canyon Creek Complex fire yesterday.

**These changes are for residents of the affected areas only. The areas reduced to Level 2 are as follows:**

- Adam Marysville
- Eagle Peak Gardner Ranch
- Pineview Buckhorn
- Edgewood Little Pine

Marysville from Hwy. 395 to Dog Creek and the junction of Hwy. 26 is **CLOSED TO THROUGH TRAFFIC**. Only homeowners will be able to access that portion of the road. Homeowners on the lower Little Canyon Mountain Trail area can also access their homes.

**Areas remaining at Level 3:**

- South from Dog Creek to Little Dog Creek will stay closed and under a Level 3 evacuations
- Upper end of Pine Creek from the road closure near the rock pit will remain under a Level 3 evacuation.
- Canyon Creek, from the fire perimeter north at Canyon City, south to the 15, 16 junction will remain under a Level 3 evacuation.

**Both sides of Izee Road from 395 to the Mike Moore Ranch remain at Level 2.**

An American Red Cross shelter has been established at the Mt. Vernon Community Center at 640 Ingle Street.

The Red Cross is providing financial and relief services for displaced residents. Those wishing to make monetary donations can contact the American Red Cross Mountain River Chapter at [redcross.org/cascades](http://redcross.org/cascades) or in person at the shelter located on Ingle Street in Mt. Vernon. The Red Cross is opening a service center at the LDS Church in John Day from 1-4 p.m.

#### 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](http://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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