



Canyon Creek Complex
Fact Sheet
August 20, 2015

Updated Fire Information phone numbers: 541-820-3643 & 541-820-3633

Type of Incident:	Wildfire
Cause:	Lightning
Date of Origin:	August 12, 2015
Location:	One mile south of the towns of John Day and Canyon City, Oregon.
Types of Fuel:	Timber with brush/grass understory and areas of medium density logging slash.
Structures Threatened:	700+
Structures Damaged:	50+
Residences Destroyed:	36 (according to the Grant County Sheriff's Office)
Current Size:	53,876 acres
Percent Containment:	10%
Number of Personnel:	915
Types of resources:	5 Type 1 Crews, 15 Type 2 Crews, 4 Helicopter, 83 Engines, 15 Dozers, 6 Skidgines, 17 Water tenders

Safety: There will be increased fire traffic east of Seneca along the 16 to Logan Valley

Weather: A Red Flag Warning has been issued and will last through Friday. 36 hours of increased winds, Lower RH, Warmer temperatures.

Recent Activities:

- Protected threatened homes on the fires southern edge.
- Worked to limit spread to the SE where fire activity was highest.
- After several days with lines on the NW perimeter holding fire managers have declared this fire 10% contained.
- Hosted Governor Brown, USDA Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell, State Forester Doug Decker and Oregon State Fire Marshal Jim Walker
- An ODF Contingency initial attack group has been added to the Canyon Creek Complex firefighting efforts. This group will assist the team's current divisions with suppression on private lands. This group will also be available for initial attack assignments for the ODF John Day Unit. A total of 6 ODF engines, 3 ODF five-person crews, 3 contract dozers, 1 contract skidgine, and 4 ODF overhead. A total of 37 people are tied these resources.
- Received additional resources, including 3 additional interagency Hotshot Crews. Currently 915 total personnel are working on this incident .

Planned actions include:

- Send additional resources to the fires southern flank.
- A Fire Public Information Officer will be available at the post office in Seneca from 1pm-5pm
- Closely monitor weather to determine the best distribution of firefighting resources.
- A public meeting will be held tonight at 5:30 pm in the Grant Union high school Old Gym.

- Continue to monitor and work the fire perimeter, especially near structures to limit fire spread.

Evacuation Update on Canyon Creek Complex

Thursday, August 20, 2015, 8 a.m. update

Level 3 Evacuations:

- **NEW: The area west of County Road 62, south of the forest boundary (MP 12) and north of Forest Road 16 to the junction of FR 15/16 is in a level 3 evacuation. The Strawberry Mountain Wilderness remains in a closure. CR 62 and the 16 are open for through travel, at this time.**
- 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.

Level 2 Evacuations:

- Adam Marysville
- Eagle Peak Gardner Ranch
- Pineview Buckhorn
- Edgewood Little Pine
- Rebel Hill Both sides of Izee Road from Hwy 395 to the Mike Moore Ranch
- Lower Pine Creek from the rock pit to Highway 26.

NEW Level 1 Evacuation: Seneca

Road Closures:

- Hwy. 395 remains closed
- 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.
- The 15 road remains closed.

Evacuation level definitions:

LEVEL 1: A Level 1 Evacuation means “BE READY” for potential evacuation.

LEVEL 2: A Level 2 Evacuation means “BE SET” to evacuate.

LEVEL 3: A Level 3 Evacuation means “GO” Evacuate now, leave immediately.

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