



## Canyon Creek Complex Morning Fact Sheet August 25, 2015

### Ready, Set, Go:

Fire Managers and the Grant County Sheriff's Office urge all citizens of Grant County to be aware of the dangers of wildfire and prepared should the need arise to evacuate a fire area. Planning ahead will make the process easier and more efficient. Helpful information can be found by visiting <http://wildlandfirersg.org/>. The American Red Cross also has important information regarding emergency preparedness at <http://www.redcross.org/support/emergency-preparedness> for further tips and suggestions.

**Ready!– Be fire-adapted and ready**—Take personal responsibility and prepare long before the threat of a wildland fire so your home is ready in case of a fire. Create defensible space by clearing brush away from your home. Use fire-resistant landscaping and harden your home with fire-safe construction measures. Assemble emergency supplies and belongings in a safe place. Plan escape routes and make sure all those residing in the home know the plan of action.

**Set!– Situational awareness**—Pack your emergency items. Know how to receive and stay aware of the latest news and information on the fire from local media, your local fire department and public safety.

**Go! - Act early**—Follow your personal wildland fire action plan. Also be sure to adhere to your local jurisdiction's evacuation processes. Doing so will not only support your safety, but will allow firefighters to best maneuver resources to combat the fire.

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<b>Twitter:</b>	@MalheurNF
<b>Air Quality Index:</b>	<a href="http://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com/">http://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com/</a>

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; areas of medium density logging slash.
Structures Threatened:	50
Structures Damaged:	50
Residences Destroyed:	39
Current Size:	74,744 acres
Percent Containment:	37%
Number of Personnel:	707
Types of resources:	2 Type 1 crews, 6 Type 2 crews, 2 Type 2 IA crews, 4 helicopters, 59 engines, 16 dozers, 20 water tenders, 11 skidgines

## **Canyon Creek Complex Recent Activities:**

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- Operations shifted pre-identified resources to the Pine Creek area from areas of the fire with less activity in order to bolster suppression capabilities. Operations established a staging area for those resources to be poised along contingency lines for structure protection. Sunday's significant fire run that progressed into the Norton Fork drainage stalled after reaching the Bear Skull Ridge area, which allowed hot shots to improve indirect contingency lines toward Dog Creek. This is our highest priority area.
- The Office of State Fire Marshal redeployed two task forces (10 engines) from Umatilla and Deschutes counties to provide structural protection at the Canyon Creek Complex fire near John Day. The task forces are managed by a limited incident management team led by Incident Commander Jim Walker. Crews are prepared to remain on scene until the structural threat is mitigated.
- Crews continue to build contingency line in the southeast flank of the fire from the 1640 road to Roads End and will then tie into the trail system near Strawberry Lake. This will allow them to burnout fuel and secure the fire from spreading to the east.
- Crews are mopping up and gridding the fire from John Day to Vance Creek to Parish Cabin.
- Night operations continued maintaining and constructing firelines on the northeast and southeast flanks.

### **Jerry's Draw**

- Firefighters continued to mop up and remove hazard trees near the fire line. The fire is 100 percent contained at 165 acres, and no hotspots were found outside the line. Burn piles located in the interior of the fire continued to smolder and produce visible smoke.

## **Planned Actions Include:**

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- The main focus of suppression actions will be in the NE flank of the fire to secure the Upper Pine Creek and Upper Dog Creek areas. Operations shifted additional resources from other areas of the fire to support suppression actions. Two task forces of engines from the Office of State Fire Marshal will provide additional structure protection in the Pine Creek area. Hotshot crews constructed line to the fire edge near the Miller Ranch area and will use a combination of hand line and dozer line to contain the fire.
- Firefighters will continue constructing indirect contingency lines in the Indian Springs to Strawberry Mountain area in order to address containment options for eastern flank of the fire within the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness.
- Mop up continued along the western flank from John Day to Vance Creek and from Vance Creek to Parish Cabin.
- Fire managers continue strategic planning to assess suppression action into the wilderness.
- Air resources are on standby until visibility improves.

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- Continue mop up operations.

**ODOT:** CR 62, the 16 Road and Highway 395 are open for through travel with no restrictions. Be advised that crews may still be working on the roads and drivers are urged to use caution. Smoke will continue for some time, please do not report unless active fire is seen.

**Public Safety Alert:** If traveling through the area that has burned, please do not leave your vehicles and walk through ashes due to hot spots, stump holes and falling trees.

**Grant County Sheriff:** The Grant County Sheriff's Office reminds people to be respectful of private property and to remain on the road unless invited. Trespassing is punishable by law and violators will be prosecuted.

**Oregon National Guard:** An advance party for the Oregon National Guard arrived and coordinated with the Great Basin Incident Management Team in order to ensure a smooth integration of military personnel into suppression efforts.

**Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER):** A BAER team has been ordered and will begin to conduct a water shed assessment of the area in order to plan rehabilitation of fire lines and mitigate soil erosion.

**Air Quality Index:** Smoke levels are predicted to be in the unhealthful range. For more specific information visit Oregon Smoke Information at <http://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com>.