



Canyon Creek Complex Morning Fact Sheet August 26, 2015

Fire Information: (541) 820-3643 or (541) 820-3633 (staffed 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.)
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Air Quality Index: <http://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com/>

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 (No infrared flight available last night)
Percent Containment: 42%
Number of Personnel: 699
Types of resources: 2 Type 1 (hotshot) crews, 7 Type 2 crews, 4 helicopters, 70 engines, 17 dozers, 17 water tenders, 11 skidgines

Canyon Creek Complex Recent Activities:

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- The north and northeast fire perimeter in Norton Creek area continues to be the number one priority. Yesterday, crews were building and reinforcing contingency lines and planning operational points to protect infrastructure and values at risk. Two task forces of engines from the Office of State Fire Marshal provided additional structure protection in the Pine Creek and Dog Creek area.
- On the southeast corner of the fire, crews worked to complete handline into the wilderness at Road's End.
- Suppression repair has begun on the west side has begun and will continue as that line is secure and holding.

Jerry's Draw

- The fire is 100 percent contained at 165 acres, there may continue to be smoke visible in Prairie City.

Planned Actions Include:

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- Today fire crews plan to conduct a burnout operation to secure the fireline from the Road's End into the Bear Creek drainage, which will secure the line to keep the fire from spreading to the east.
- A hotshot crew is constructing line to the fire edge near the Miller Ranch area, tying hand line into dozer line. This is to reinforce and create an indirect line behind the initial contingency line in the Pine Creek and Dog Creek area to Indian Springs. The fire is holding in the Norton Creek drainage after a run on Sunday.
- The Oregon National Guard will be arriving today to assist with securing the fireline and rehabilitation efforts in the west John Day to Vance Creek area and southeast from Vance Creek to Parish Cabin.

- Air resources will be utilized as weather allows assisting with recognition and water bucket drops on the east side near Strawberry Lake.
- Night operations will be patrolling in the northeast and southeast flanks to ensure the constructed fireline and burnout operation is holding.

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- Finish mop-up and prepare to move into patrol status.

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: Today, the Oregon National Guard arrives and will coordinate with the Great Basin Incident Management Team to assist with the suppression efforts. They will be spike camped at Lake Creek Organizational Camp.

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 in the moderate to unhealthy for sensitive groups range. For more specific information visit Oregon Smoke Information at <http://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com>.