



Canyon Creek Complex Morning Fact Sheet August 28, 2015

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Public Meeting is Scheduled for 5:30pm Today, August 28, in Prairie City at the Grange Hall

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: 75
Structures Damaged: 50
Residences Destroyed: 39
Other Structures Destroyed: 11
Current Size: 86,889 acres
Percent Containment: 44%
Number of Personnel: 759
Types of resources: 2 Type 1 crews, 12 Type 2 crews, 9 helicopters, 67 engines, 16 dozers, 23 water tenders, 11 skidgines

Canyon Creek Complex Recent Activities:

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- Resources were staged and deployed along the northern flank of the fire in the Little Dog, Pine, and Indian Creek areas. They provided structure protection and constructed and improved firelines, using direct attack methods where possible. These resources included a mix of dozer, engines, aircraft, and crews. Work continued throughout the night.
- Upper Pine Creek, Gardner Ranch Lane and Upper Dog Creek south of Little Dog Creek remain in a Level 3 evacuation. Lower Pine Creek and Dog Creek are in Level 2 evacuation.
- Confirmation of 11 structures lost. None of these structures were primary residences.
- In anticipation of the unstable conditions, firefighters will continue to focus their energies on the northern part of the fire.
- Burnout operations in the southeast area of the fire were successfully conducted due to favorable weather conditions.

Planned Actions Include:

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- The fire will be tested again today with the expectation of stronger southwest winds beginning this evening and into tomorrow. Hot and dry conditions along with unstable air mass will persist. Anticipate smoke columns and active fire movement.
- Fire managers intend to be flexible and strategic, using the right resources were most needed.
- Crews will continue to improve and hold dozer and hand lines in the Pine and Indian Creek areas utilizing direct attack methods where possible.
- Air tankers and helicopters will be used as soon as possible to pre-treat structures in the Pine, Indian, and Dog Creek areas today. Air tankers will be available when requested on a priority basis.
- Crews on the southeast flank of the fire near Roads End completed tying in lines into existing roads and trail systems and began burnout operations to strengthen firelines.
- Oregon National Guard troops were utilized in the Parrish Cabin area to continue securing fireline.
- Fire suppression repair will continue on the western and southern flanks from John Day to Parrish Cabin, rehabilitating dozer lines, fixing fences and putting in water bars to reduce erosion.
- Oregon Trails Electric Coop continues to restore power to residences along Hwy 395.

Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT): Highway 395 is open for two-way travel. Due to firefighters, equipment and the power company on the road, a pilot car will lead traffic in specific areas between 6 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Anticipate delays.

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: Six twenty-person National Guard squads are stationed at the Lake creek Organizational Camp area contributing to the Canyon Creek Complex fire 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.

Weather: Hot and dry conditions are expected today. A strong cold front will approach from the west late tonight producing wind cuts in excess of 40 mph and move across the area through Saturday.

Air Quality Index: Anticipate varying levels of smoke. For more specific information visit Oregon Smoke Information at <http://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com>.