



Oregon Interagency Incident Management Team 4

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Canyon Creek Complex Update, September 12, 2015

LEVEL 2 EVACUATION NOTICE ISSUED BY THE GRANT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Residents in the following area of Dog Creek Road are affected; 2 miles South of Hwy 26 to the Northern fire perimeter, West of Dissel Creek, East of Little Dog Creek. Residents are advised to pack emergency items, pay close attention to updates from the Grant County Sheriff's Office, and be prepared to evacuate should the need arise.

On the fire

- Today, the John Day Type 3 Interagency Incident Management Team will be shadowing the Oregon Interagency Incident Management Team 4, preparing to assume command of the Canyon Creek Complex. Transfer of command is scheduled to occur tomorrow, Sept. 13, at 6:00 am.
- Today will see the highest temperatures and lowest humidity of the last couple weeks. This weather, combined with a highly unstable atmosphere (atmospheric conditions which can contribute to large column development), should increase interior fire activity. The public can expect to see increasing areas of smoke, as well as more aircraft working in the area, especially in the Dog Creek drainage. **Fire officials are closely monitoring the fire and responding appropriately.**
- On the east flank, firefighters will continue to secure the perimeter with the assistance of aircraft.
- No heat was found on the Strawberry Lake and Slide Lake spot fires with infra-red cameras or by firefighters. All firefighters have hiked out of the area and are engaged elsewhere on the fire today.
- The Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) team continues to assess areas damaged by the fire. They are evaluating areas in need of emergency stabilization to prevent resource damage such as erosion and water runoff.

Canyon Creek Complex Facts

Type, cause, date started: The lightning-caused wildfire began August 12, 2015.

Location: One mile south of the towns of John Day and Canyon Creek.

Fuels: Timber, brush and grass understory and medium density logging slash

Structures Damaged: 50, **Destroyed:** 43

Size: 110,422 acres. **Containment:** 88%

Personnel: 440 **Resources:** (2) Type 1 crews, (6) Type 2IA crews, (3) Type 2 crews, (4) helicopters, (7) engines, (4) dozers, (7) water tenders, (2) skidgines.

Open and closed

- **Malheur National Forest** has area and road closures in the fire area. The Starr Ridge and Parish Cabin Campgrounds are now open to the public as well as the FS Road 15 from the junction of County Road 65 to the junction of FS Road 16. IFPL III and Public Use Restrictions B are in effect. Public Use Restrictions B regulate campfires, use of combustion engines, chainsaws, smoking, and off-road and off-trail vehicle travel.
- **Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT):** Highway 395 is open for two-way travel. A pilot car may be on site to lead traffic in specific areas between 6 am and 4:30 pm.
- **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.

For More Information

Inciweb: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4495/>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/canyoncreekfireoregon and www.facebook.com/malheurnationalforest

Malheur National Forest Website: www.fs.usda.gov/malheur/

Air Quality Index: <http://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com/>

Malheur Hunting Information: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/malheur/news-events/?cid=STELPRD3852316>