



HUGO ROAD FIRE UPDATE

Date: 9/03/2018 Time: 7:40 a.m.

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

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QUICK FACTS

Incident Start Date: 9/2/2018		Incident Start Time: Approx. 7:15 p.m.	
Incident Type: Wildfire		Cause: Under Investigation	
Incident Location: Josephine County, ten miles north-northwest of Grants Pass in Hugo			
Land Threat: Private			
Command Agency: ODF			
Size: 250 acres	Containment: 15%	Expected Full Containment: To be determined	
Civilian Injuries: 0		Firefighter Injuries: 0	
Structures Threatened: 200+	Structures Destroyed: Undetermined	Structures Damaged: Undetermined	

CURRENT SITUATION

Situation Summary:	<p>Local wildland and structure firefighters made substantial progress on the Hugo Road Fire overnight, lining most of the perimeter within a few short hours. Crews have been fighting the fire since it started Sunday night in Hugo, 10 miles north-northwest of Grants Pass on the west side of I-5.</p> <p>Firefighters faced many challenges overnight, including a reported cougar sighting in the area. Live power lines also caused concern as crews worked nearby. However, evening conditions helped crews gain the upper hand on the fire.</p> <p>Meteorologists are predicting temperatures into the 80's, and potentially up to the 90's, with wind gusts as high as 30 miles per hour on ridges. These conditions pose a challenge to fire crews, along with steep terrain, extreme fire behavior, and dry fuels.</p> <p>Today is a critical day on the fire; crews are focused on holding the progress made overnight, and continuing to build and strengthen the fire line currently surrounding the perimeter of the fire. Currently, there is a combination of hose lays and dozer line surrounding 80 percent of the fire. Air tankers and helicopters will be available as soon as this morning's inversion lifts in order to help minimize fire activity for firefighters on the ground. Safety of the firefighters and the public is a top priority.</p> <p>Multiple structures remain threatened. While we anticipate damages, or impacts to some structures due to last night's fire activity, we have not yet confirmed an exact number. Today, local fire districts alongside our partners at the State Fire Marshal's Office will be conducting assessments on properties in and surrounding the fire's perimeter in order to make a concrete determination of damages.</p> <p>Josephine County Sheriff's Office has issued Level 3 "GO" and Level 2 "BE SET" evacuation notices for homes surrounding the fire. Residents in these areas should have received a Citizen Alert call notifying them of the evacuations. If you have not signed up for Josephine County Citizen's Alert, Josephine County's emergency notification system, you can sign up on line at www.rvem.org.</p>
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	<p>For those under evacuation notices, a human and animal shelter has been established at the Josephine County Fairgrounds by the American Red Cross and Josephine County Public Health.</p> <p>For more information, call the Fire Information Line at 541-474-5305.</p>
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CURRENT SITUATION

Evacuations:	<p>Level 3 “GO” evacuation notices have been issued for the following residences: Oxyoke Road from Three Pines Road to Hugo Road, Hugo Road from Oxyoke Road to Three Pines Road, Three Pines Road from Hugo Road to Oxyoke Road, Monterico and all secondary roads off of Monterico, Hitching Post Road, Hasis Road, Trevor Lane, Dakota Lane, Templin Avenue and Wilson Lane.</p> <p>Level 2 “BE SET” evacuation notices have been issued for the following residences: Three Pines Road to Monument Drive, and Monument Drive to the Interstate 5 at Milepost 66 interchange.</p> <p>For additional information regarding information, please contact the Josephine County Sheriff’s Office.</p>
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ASSIGNED RESOURCES

Engines: 12	Water Tenders: 5	Helicopters: As needed	Hand Crews: 10	Dozers: 5
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Total Personnel: 138

Air Tankers: As needed	<p>Cooperating Agencies: ODF Southwest Oregon District, Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal, Rural Metro Fire, Grants Pass Department of Public Safety, Applegate Valley Fire District, Illinois Valley Fire District, Rogue River Fire District, Ashland Fire & Rescue, Medford Fire-Rescue, Jackson County Fire District #5, Jackson County Fire District 4, Jackson County Fire District 3, Josephine County Emergency Management, Josephine County Sheriff's Office, and American Red Cross.</p>
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