



"STEWARDSHIP IN FORESTRY"



North Klamathon Update

Monday, July 16, 2018

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Location: Approx. 4 mi. S of Greensprings, OR
Total Size Including Klamathon: 38,008 acres
Percent Contained: 95%

Start Date: July 5, 2018.
Cause: Under Investigation
Cost to Date Including Klamathon: \$31,034,000

Type 1 Hand Crews	Type 2 Hand Crews	Engines	Type 1 Helicopters	Type 2 Helicopters	Type 3 Helicopters	Dozers	Total Personnel
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To facilitate safe travel and provide close operational supervision, the portion of the Klamathon Fire in Oregon is now being managed as a separate fire. The Incident Command Post for the North Klamathon fire is at the Ashland Middle School in Ashland, Oregon.

Yesterday’s mission to retrieve equipment and repair fire lines was delayed because of widespread lightning that moved through southwest Oregon. Many resources assigned to the North Klamathon Fire including firefighters, engines, and helicopters were assigned to initial attack on multiple new starts. The resources remaining on the North Klamathon fire continued to patrol and mop-up along fire lines. The projected containment date has been extended one day, with full containment expected today.

Today seven engines, a water tender and three hand crews will remain available for initial attack on new fires resulting from yesterday’s lightning. Three engines, one water tender, one dozer, two excavators, and three hand crews remain assigned to equipment retrieval and fire suppression repair on the North Klamathon fire. Fire suppression repair is a series of immediate post-fire actions taken to repair impacts to the land and minimize the potential for soil erosion and other issues that might arise from fire line construction. Fire suppression repair is ongoing on the fire’s southern perimeters and is beginning on the Oregon side in the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument and the Soda Mountain Wilderness.

Today’s weather forecast calls for the beginning of a hotter, drier trend lasting into mid-week.

Trails and roads that connect to the Medford District Bureau of Land Management closure order area continue to be patrolled by law enforcement agencies. Road closures are in place near Pilot Rock, on the Buckhorn Springs Road, Soda Mountain Road, Baldy Creek Road, and Mill Creek Road. The Pacific Crest Trail is closed between Highway 99 and Highway 66.

Information about the North Klamathon Fire is available at 503-475-8009.

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