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Slater and Devil Fires Update

Tuesday, October 13, 2020; 9:00 a.m.

Fire managers are asking for help from the public in observing the various area and road closures in effect for public and firefighter safety.

Slater Fire - 156,417 acres and 77% containment

Hazard tree removal along Grayback Road (also known as Happy Camp Highway) between Takilma and Happy Camp remains a high priority. Incident managers and cooperating agencies are working together to support hazard tree removal along the road to establish safe, reliable access for firefighters, residents, and those working to bring power back to Happy Camp.

Aerial monitoring over the holiday weekend revealed a smoldering log that rolled beyond containment lines along Thompson Creek on the southeastern flank. A hand crew hiked into the remote area and successfully extinguished the residual heat found within it.

Patrols on the northern perimeter of the fire, from Randolph Collier tunnel in the west to the Left Fork of Sucker Creek in the east, reported finding fewer hot spots.

Work continues to secure the fire's edge within steep and rugged terrain in the Knopki and Chicago Creek drainages near Sanger Peak. Crews are extending and improving fire lines south of Swan Peak into the 2018 Natchez Fire scar as a precaution against future fire spread.

Along the southern portion of the fire, crews continue to patrol, monitor, and strengthen containment lines near Happy Camp and along the southwest flank extending up to Kelly Lake.

Overall, crews remain engaged with suppression repair, including the removal of firefighting equipment and efforts to shore up drainage features along containment lines.

Devil Fire - 8,849 acres and 58% containment

The Devil fire is in patrol status using aviation and ground resources.

Weather and Fire Behavior

A cool and moist westerly flow continues, with light precipitation of 1/10" expected from the afternoon through the evening. Elevated winds and warmer, drier weather are forecast for later in the week. Smoldering and creeping fire behavior persists, especially under tree canopies.



Evacuations

Anyone interested in accessing their home or property should contact the local sheriff's office.

Siskiyou County information: (530) 841-2900 or www.facebook.com/SiskiyouCountySheriff/

Del Norte County information: (707) 464-7213 or www.facebook.com/DelNorteOfficeOfEmergencyServices and www.preparedelnorte.com/

Closures

The Klamath, Six Rivers, and Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forests have issued fire area closure orders for the Slater and Devil Fires. The Pacific Southwest Region is under emergency fire restrictions, although the use of gas stoves is allowed in open developed recreation sites. Find closure orders and maps at: www.fs.usda.gov/klamath, www.fs.usda.gov/rogue-siskiyou, and www.fs.usda.gov/srnf.

Portions of both the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest's Wild Rivers Ranger District and Siskiyou Mountains Ranger District have reopened for use. Some areas remain closed for emergency crews' safety and to allow for fire suppression and burned area recovery. Find closure orders and maps at: www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/rogue-siskiyou/alerts-notice.

The Bureau of Land Management Medford District has public lands closures in effect near the Slater Fire and South Obenchain Fire. Find closure area maps at: www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/oregon-washington/fire-restrictions.

Burned Area Emergency Recovery information and resources for private landowners impacted by the fires are available for northern California at inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7237/ and for western Oregon at inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7222/.

Incident Statistics

Size:	
Slater	156,417
Devil	8,849
Containment:	
Slater	77%
Devil	58%
Injuries:	10
Fatalities:	2
Date detected:	9/8/2020
Cause:	Under investigation
Structures Threatened:	150
Structures Damaged:	11
Structures Lost (total):	440
Residential	197
Commercial	1
Mixed	5
Other	237
Estimated cost:	
Slater	\$43.4 million
Devil	\$682,605

Resources

Hand Crews:	20
Engines:	50
Helicopters:	4
Fixed wing aircraft:	2
Dozers:	3
Water tenders:	7
Total Personnel:	909

