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Slater and Devil Fires Update

Sunday, October 11, 2020; 9:00 a.m.

The welcomed rain that meteorologists expected arrived yesterday, delivering rainfall amounts varying from one-half of an inch around Happy Camp to just under one inch on the northwestern portion of the Slater fire. The conditions represent a season slowing event providing opportunities for crews to better establish lines directly along the fire's edge.

Slater Fire - 156,417 acres and 75% containment

Along the northern perimeter of the fire, beginning near the Randolph Collier tunnel across to the Left Fork of Sucker Creek, operations are shifting toward patrol, allowing additional crews and resources to join efforts on the fire's edge along the Knopki and Chicago Creek drainages near Sanger Peak. In this area, firefighters are constructing line southward into the area burned by the 2018 Natchez Fire.

Along the southern flank of the fire, crews continue to patrol, monitor, and strengthen containment lines near Happy Camp and along the southwest flank up to Kelly Lake with a focus on increasing the depth of containment.

Hazard tree removal along the Grayback Road (also known as Happy Camp Highway) between Takilma and Happy Camp remains a high priority. This work will restore safe, reliable access for firefighters, residents, and those working to bring power back to Happy Camp.

Devil Fire - 8,849 acres and 55% containment

Mop up is complete on the northern perimeter of the fire along the Butte Fork of the Applegate River, 1040 Road, and Pacific Crest Trail, placing it in a monitor and patrol status.

Weather and Fire Behavior

Light rain is expected over the fire area in the morning, with a mid-day drying period, and showers possibly resuming through the night. Winds are transitioning into a west/northwest flow, with temperatures expected to reach the upper thirties and low forties. 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.

Incident Statistics

Size:	
Slater	156,417
Devil	8,849
Containment:	
Slater	75%
Devil	55%
Injuries:	9
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	\$41.3 million
Devil	\$572,755

Resources

Hand Crews:	28
Engines:	61
Helicopters:	6
Fixed wing aircraft:	2
Dozers:	1
Water tenders:	13
Total Personnel:	1,030

