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**Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest**



## News Release

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### Slater and Devil Fires Update

Friday, October 9, 2020; 9:00 a.m.

**A virtual community briefing will be offered today at 5:00 pm on the Slater and Devil Fires Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/SlaterAndDevilFireInformation](https://www.facebook.com/SlaterAndDevilFireInformation). Presenters will include the Northwest Incident Management Team 7 Incident Commander, Operations, National Forest managers, and other local officials. Questions can be submitted ahead of time via email at [slaterfirenorth.information@gmail.com](mailto:slaterfirenorth.information@gmail.com) or on our Facebook page. Hope you can join us!**

#### **Slater Fire – 155,726 acres and 70% containment**

On the northern flank, mop up, patrol, and structure defense continue along fire lines, with crews steadily increasing the depth of containment. Firefighters have completed containment lines south of Browntown in the Deadman's Gulch area, and extended hand line to Swan Mountain.

Yesterday, on the eastern flank, firefighters located four small spot fires that began Wednesday when brisk southwesterly winds pushed embers across a portion of hand line near Swan Mountain into the headwaters of the left fork of Sucker Creek. Three of the spot fires are contained by rocky slopes. The fourth spot fire, measuring approximately one-quarter acre, will be contained with hand line.

On the southern portion of the fire, crews continue to patrol, monitor, and reinforce containment lines in Happy Camp and along the southwest flank up to Kelly Lake. Firefighters are focused on containing spot fires, as well as increasing the depth of containment.

In the southwest portion of the fire, in the Knopki and Chicago Creek drainages, firefighters are working to keep the fire east of Chicago Creek. Work continues to open roads leading into the East Fork of Chicago Creek, and construct fire line to the south into the area burned by the 2018 Natchez Fire.

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. Repair of other roads damaged by the fire and fire suppression actions is ramping up ahead of impending wet weather.

#### **Devil Fire - 8,755 acres and 35% containment**

Mop up and patrol continue along the northern and southern areas of the fire, with lines holding along the Butte Fork of the Applegate River, 1040 Road, and Pacific Crest Trail. Crews continue patrolling the southeast flank, building fire line into the Fort Goff Creek area.

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### Weather and Fire Behavior

The transition to cooler, moister air continues, accompanied by brisk winds from the southwest. Some rain showers may arrive late today and into Saturday, with the greatest chance for rain expected Saturday afternoon. Rainfall totals between one-tenth and one-quarter inch are expected. Areas exposed to higher winds from the southwest may show increased burning ahead of the rain.

### 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/](http://www.facebook.com/SiskiyouCountySheriff/)

**Del Norte County** information: (707) 464-7213 or [www.facebook.com/DelNorteOfficeOfEmergencyServices](http://www.facebook.com/DelNorteOfficeOfEmergencyServices) and [www.preparedelnorte.com/](http://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](http://www.fs.usda.gov/klamath), [www.fs.usda.gov/rogue-siskiyou](http://www.fs.usda.gov/rogue-siskiyou), and [www.fs.usda.gov/srnf](http://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](http://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](http://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/oregon-washington/fire-restrictions).

### Incident Statistics

Size:	
Slater	155,726
Devil	8,755
Containment:	
Slater	70%
Devil	35%
Injuries:	7
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	\$39.2 million
Devil	\$472,478

### Resources

Hand Crews:	28
Engines:	64
Helicopters:	6
Fixed wing aircraft:	2
Dozers:	1
Water tenders:	14
Total Personnel:	1,097

