Red Salmon Complex Evening Update

Current Situation: The Red Salmon Complex is 10,209 acres and 34% contained. The Red and Salmon fires are burning in the Trinity Alps Wilderness on the Six Rivers and Shasta-Trinity National Forests. Both fires are being managed for full suppression utilizing minimum impact suppression techniques in the wilderness and working with resource advisors to protect cultural values.

Red Fire: The fire is 9,399 acres and 19% contained. Firing operations continued today on the northwest and west flanks. Crews will finish burning tonight from Black Mountain west to the South Fork of Red Cap Creek and from the 9N31 Road to Mill Creek Gap, tying in the northwest corner. These firing operations are gaining depth along indirect containment lines, slowly backing downhill toward the main body of the fire. The east flank of the fire is holding and firing operations from earlier in the week continue to back toward the main fire.

The fire near Prospect Peak on the Klamath National Forest is 1.5 miles from the east flank of the Red Fire, approximately 10 acres in size, creeping and smoldering, and holding at China Creek. A crew was able to hike in today to begin suppression efforts. Helicopters will be doing bucket work this evening as conditions allow.

Salmon Fire: The fire is 807 acres and 79% contained and holding within containment lines. Interior pockets of unburned fuels will continue to be consumed. Firefighters are prepping indirect lines from Salmon Mountain down to Devils Backbone to begin firing operations in the next couple days.

Weather: Warmer and dryer weather is expected through the night with an inversion layer settling over the area.

Air quality: Smoke impacts continue to be in the unhealthy level in areas close to the fire. Smoke impacts could rise to unhealthy late in the day before improving in the overnight and morning hours. Refer to fires.airfire.org/outlooks/NWCalifornia.

Closures: The Red-Salmon Fire Complex Forest Closure became effective on August 8, 2020. The full Forest Closure Order can be found on Inciweb.

COVID-19: COVID-19 precautions are a priority at all incident camps with daily temperature screenings of personnel and implementing measures such as wearing face coverings and social distancing to prevent coronavirus spread. Community and firefighter safety are a top priority of both the incident management team and the National Forests.