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Red Salmon Complex UPDATE

Thursday, October 15, 2020



Total Acres	Containment	Crews	Engines	Dozers	Helicopters	Water Tenders	Total Personnel
142,387	62%	13	45	5	6	15	670

The Red Salmon Complex is 14 miles north of Willow Creek, CA burning on the Klamath, Six Rivers, and Shasta-Trinity National Forests. California Incident Management Team 12 (Michael Nobles) is managing the incident and is working with the Hoopa, Yurok, and Karuk Tribes.

Willow Creek, CA – Yesterday crews on the northeast flank brought fire down to the South Fork of the Salmon River near Mathews Creek as planned. The incoming Type 2 Incident Command Team also confirmed contingency firelines and structure defense equipment near the east, south and west flanks of the fire remain effective.

Weather and Fire Behavior: A "Red Flag Warning" has been issued for Wednesday night through Friday. A northeast wind is expected with gusts on ridge tops of up to 35 MPH. Warm temperatures (80s in the valleys) and very low humidity may result in ignition of unburned fuels within fire containment lines. Areas of smoke may be visible. Predicted winds from the northeast may result in movement of the fire back toward already burned areas.

Today's Operations: Along the western flank of the fire, crews will continue to monitor and improve containment lines in the Colgrove Branch drainage. On the northeastern side, day and night crews will patrol and mop up along the Salmon River to keep fire south of the river. On the southeastern side along the East Fork and the main New River, firefighters are securing fireline to keep fire east of Miller Ranch and Denny. Structure defense crews continue to monitor and test sprinkler systems in residential areas of Denny, Miller Ranch, Cecilville, Forks of the Salmon, Godfrey, Blue Ridge, and Black Bear where installed.

Crews will continue removing equipment (hoses, pumps, etc.) where containment lines are fully secured. Fire suppression repair work (smoothing firelines, installing waterbars, and pulling light brush debris over disturbed soils) is being completed on the north and west part of the fire to minimize possible soil erosion. Resource advisors are aiding this work to protect sensitive cultural and ecological resources.

Evacuation Warning remains for Forks of Salmon, Cecilville, and nearby residences (www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/sheriff).

Closures: Areas and roads within and near the fire perimeter on the Klamath, Six Rivers, and Trinity National Forests are closed. More information is available on forest websites:

www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/klamath/alerts-notices | www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/srnf/alerts-notices |

www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/stnf/alerts-notices. Temporary Flight Restrictions remain over the entire Red Salmon fire area, which includes drones. Remember: If you fly, we can't.