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Slater and Devil Fires Update

Sunday, October 18, 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. The Grayback Road is closed to public travel due to unsafe conditions. Crews are working to remove hazard trees adjacent to the roadway.

Slater Fire - 156,618 acres and 80% containment

Yesterday, patrols identified hot spots in the northeast corner of the fire near Sucker Creek. Hot spots were also spotted on the west of the fire, east of Little Sanger Peak in the Chicago Creek drainage. Helicopters will continue air operations and bucket drops today as needed.

Repair work on dozer lines will begin to outpace fire-suppression activities over the next few days. Resource Advisors are working hand in hand with ground resources to repair dozer lines on the north flank of the fire that were built to protect homes and structures. Residents along the south flank can expect to see crews repairing dozer lines over the coming days.

Aerial and ground patrols report little fire activity near containment lines.

Removal of fire-damaged hazard trees along the Grayback Road continues, with one team working from Happy Camp north, and another team from the north end of the road working southward.

Devil Fire - 8,885 acres and 60% containment

Aviation resources are tasked with monitoring the Devil Fire and using bucket drops to suppress the spread of creeping fire activity south of Middle Fork Fort Goff Creek.

Weather and Fire Behavior

Warmer daytime and cooler nighttime temperatures are predicted, with strong overnight inversions. Continued northeast flow along ridgetops with gusts up to 20 mph are predicted, and valley breezes up to 10 mph. Isolated areas of heat that are exposed to wind are expected to creep on the surface.



Evacuations

In Happy Camp, the Mandatory Evacuation is still in effect above the intersection of Indian Meadows Road and Indian Creek Road.

For specific information regarding evacuations see the following: Siskiyou County Office of Emergency Services information: (530) 643-3662 or www.facebook.com/SiskiyouCountyOES

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

Closures and Restrictions

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-notices. The latest updates on fire danger levels and public use restrictions within the Forest are available at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/rogue-siskiyou/news-events/?cid=FSEPRD824854>.

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 Slater and Devil Fires are available at: inciweb.nwccg.gov/incident/7237/.

Incident Statistics

Size:	
Slater	156,618
Devil	8,885
Containment:	
Slater	80%
Devil	60%
Injuries:	12
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	\$44.8 million
Devil	\$679,525

Resources

Hand Crews:	10
Engines:	17
Helicopters:	5
Fixed wing aircraft:	2
Dozers:	2
Water tenders:	1
Total Personnel:	594

