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Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest



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Slater and Devil Fires Final Update

Sunday, November 8, 2020; 9:00 a.m.

Slater Fire – 157,270 acres and 87% containment

Cooler and wetter weather has stopped any growth of the fire. No additional updates will be issued. Please call the above phone numbers for information about the fires.

Repair of roads, trails and fire lines affected by firefighting is finishing up over the next several days. Firefighters are spreading straw mulch and seed over bare areas to help stabilize soils and mitigate the effects of the oncoming wet weather.

Reopening the Grayback Road continues to be a high priority. The road remains closed to public use due to the presence of hazard trees.

The north side of the fire (in Oregon) is planning a transfer of command back to the Wild Rivers Ranger District on Sunday and the south side (in California) is planning a transfer of command back to the Happy Camp/Oak Knoll Ranger District on Monday.

Devil Fire - 8,857 acres and 67% containment

The Devil Fire is being monitored by air. No growth has been detected for several days.

Weather and Fire Behavior

Showers have occurred over the fire in the past day and are expected to last into Sunday morning. Gusty winds could be a concern Sunday afternoon. Snow levels have lowered to between 2500-3000 feet and should persist into Sunday morning. The fire area has received from 0.16 inch to over 1 inch of precipitation over the past 3 days. Dry weather returns Monday, then more fronts will follow the rest of next week. A couple of strong and moist fronts are possible Thursday through Friday night.

Any remaining fire activity should be limited to widely scattered and isolated interior heavy fuels, such as log ends and stump holes, that will continue to smolder and produce limited amounts of smoke.



Closures and Restrictions

The Klamath (KNF) and Six Rivers (SRNF) national forests have issued emergency area closure orders for the KNF’s portion of the Slater-Devil Fires. These orders are effective November 1 through November 15, 2020. An additional order has been issued for the SRNF’s portion of the Slater Fire. This order (20-10-15) is effective October 29 through December 1, 2020. These closure orders only apply to National Forest System lands, roads and trails within the closure order boundary, as well as any specified roads and trails outside of the closure order boundary. The following are exempt from these orders: persons with Forest Service Permits specifically exempting them from the order; federal, state or local officers of an organized rescue or firefighting force; and owners or lessees of land in the closure area needing access to their property.

Klamath National Forest closure orders are available on the KNF website at www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/klamath/alerts-notice. Six Rivers National Forest closure orders are available on the SRNF website at www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/srnf/alerts-notice.

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.

Additional portions of the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest have reopened for use, with some areas remaining 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 latest updates on fire danger levels and public use restrictions within the Forest are available at: 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. 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.nwcg.gov/incident/7237/.

Incident Statistics

Size:	
Slater	157,270
Devil	8,857
Containment:	
Slater	87%
Devil	67%
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	\$54 million
Devil	\$679,525

Resources

Hand Crews:	4
Engines:	4
Helicopters:	0
Fixed wing aircraft:	0
Dozers:	0
Water tenders:	1
Total Personnel:	157

