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## **Red Salmon Complex UPDATE**

Friday, September 12, 2020



Total Acres	Containment	Crews	Engines	Dozers	Helicopters	Water Tenders	Total Personnel
84,880	18%	8	35	8	7	17	775

The Red Salmon Complex is burning on the Klamath, Six Rivers, and Shasta-Trinity National Forests within Humboldt, Siskiyou, and Trinity Counties. The Hoopa Valley Tribe is now part of the joint delegation of authority with the three National Forests. The South Central Sierra Interagency Incident Management Team 14 is managing this incident. Team 14 will continue to work closely with the Yurok Tribe, the Karuk Tribe, and local community liaisons.

**Current Situation:** Fire crews made significant progress across the fire on community and property protection efforts on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Burnout operations widened and strengthened firelines on the western flank, adding critical protection to homes and residents of the Hoopa Valley wildland-urban interface. Overnight operations completed line construction on the west side along the 10N92 Road. Structure assessment and protection measures were provided in Forks of Salmon and Denny to reduce potential fire impact.

Today's staffing and operational priorities will be to contain the fire west and northwest from the 10N02 road to the Hoopa Reservation boundary, including continuation of firing operations if weather conditions are favorable. To the northeast, containment lines will be repositioned to prevent fire spread north toward Hwy 93 and Forks of Salmon. Crews will continue to construct indirect fireline, prepare for additional burnout operations, and provide direct attack where safe to do so.

The fire is actively backing in Tish Tang Creek, forming alignment for potential future runs impacting cultural and resource values in the area. Fire behavior predictions suggest that once the inversion lifts today, there is the potential for fire spread in all directions.

**Weather:** Widespread smoke will likely cause cooler conditions and poor visibility, though the trend should improve through the week. Light and variable winds in the valleys and mid-slopes will persist into the mid-afternoon before becoming west-northwest at 2- to 8 mph.

Air Quality: Heavy smoke from the Red Salmon Complex will combine with smoke from other fires in the area and affect the entire forecast zone.

Area Evacuations: The Trinity County Sheriff's Office has lifted the Evacuation Warning as of 8 a.m. today for the community of Denny.

The Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office has issued an Evacuation Warning for the Red Salmon Complex fire. WARNING WILL BE ALL OF FORKS OF SALMON. FROM BUTLER FLAT TO TEN MILES EAST OF FORKS OF SALMON AND SOUTH TO PLUMMER CREEK ON CECILVILLE ROAD.

**National Forest Closure Areas:** The US Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region has issued an Emergency Closure Order of all National Forests in Region 5 (California) pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551 and 36 C.F.R. 261.50(a) and (b), of Regional Order No. 20-10 to provide for public safety and protect natural resources. The Red Salmon Fire Forest Closure Area became effective on August 8, 2020 under Forest Supervisor's orders on the Klamath, Shasta-Trinity, and Six Rivers National Forests. As hunting seasons open, hunters are reminded the closure is in place for their safety as well as the safety of firefighters. Complete closure information is available on InciWeb for the Red Salmon Complex.

For up to date fire information on the Red Salmon Complex and other fires visit <u>https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/</u> or use the QR code to view the links with your mobile device.