



INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM

Garner Complex Fire Update

Friday, July 27 2018 at 10:30 P.M.



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A **Community Meeting** will be held on Saturday, July 28, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. at the North Valley High School (6741 Monument Drive, Grants Pass, OR) to provide a fire update to the public, media and anyone interested or affected by the Garner Complex of fires.

Challenged by 100-plus degree temperatures and gusty afternoon winds today, firefighters worked to hold containment lines and – where possible – gain additional ground on the Garner Complex of fires burning in the Rogue Valley area.

The **Taylor Creek Fire**, burning approximately 5 miles west of Merlin, showed steady growth on most flanks, but remained within planned fire lines. Crews and structure task forces on night shift were bolstered in order to take advantage of cooler nighttime temperatures and periods of less extreme fire behavior. Bulldozers are creating fuel breaks between the east flank of the fire and subdivisions west of Riverbanks Road. Well ahead of the fire, mobile structure-protection task forces are clearing brush and setting up hoselines around homes in the West Pickett, Limpy Creek, Shan Creek and Pleasant Creek road areas.

Crews made progress today reinforcing control lines and seeking out and extinguishing lingering hot spots on the **Grave, Pleasant and Ditch Creek** fires, all located approximately 5½ miles north of Wimer. Although pockets of fuel continued to burn in the interior, all fire lines held and fire growth was kept in check.

Historically hot and dry conditions are predicted for the next 3-5 days, with visible daytime smoke columns and nighttime fire activity expected for the **Taylor Creek Fire**.

“**Ready, Set, Go!**” **Evacuation Levels** are changing on a daily basis – to get the latest update visit the Josephine County Emergency Management’s Facebook page or sign up for emergency alerts at www.rvem.org. The Red Cross has established a shelter at Grants Pass High School for residents affected by Level 3 (Go!) evacuations.

Oregon Department of Forestry IMT 2
Chris Cline, Incident Commander
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Scott Magers, Incident Commander
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Size as of 2400 hr. IR flight:	25,097 acres
Change in last 24 hrs.	+3,654 acres
Containment:	27%
Start Date/Time:	7/15/2018 9:00 a.m.
Expected Containment Date:	8/7/18
Location:	Josephine County & Jackson County
Cause:	Lightning
Est. Cost:	\$19.8 Million
Personnel:	2637
Assigned Resources:	
Hand Crews:	82
Engines:	114
Dozers:	32
Water Tenders:	44
Other Heavy Equipment:	7
Assigned Aircraft:	35
Structure Task Forces:	11
Critical Resources Needs:	STAM, ATGS, HECM, HMGB
Injuries:	22
Structures Threatened:	1,588
Structures Damaged:	0
Structures Destroyed:	0
Evacuations: Level 3	Estimated 357 persons
For the most current evacuation information , please contact the Joint Information Center at 541-474-5305 (8 A.M-8 P.M.)	