



# RAMSEY CANYON FINAL FIRE UPDATE

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## QUICK FACTS

Incident Start Date: 8/22/2018		Incident Start Time: Approx. 12:45 p.m.	
Incident Type: Wildfire		Cause: Under Investigation	
Incident Location: Jackson county, 12 miles northwest of Eagle Point			
Land Threat: Private, BLM, Industrial			
Command Agency: ODF			
Size: 1,971 acres	Containment: 95%	Expected Full Containment: 9/10/18	
Civilian Injuries: 0		Firefighter Injuries: 4	
Structures Threatened: 0	Structures Destroyed: 1	Structures Damaged: 0	

## CURRENT SITUATION

Situation Summary:	<p><b>NOTE: This will be the final update unless conditions change.</b></p> <p>Crews will continue mop up efforts into the holiday weekend, with a focus on the north perimeter of the Ramsey Canyon fire. With 95 percent containment, personnel and equipment is being significantly scaled back.</p> <p>Over the next few days, firefighters on the ground will be conducting fire suppression repair, such as erosion control, throughout the entire footprint of the fire. Crews are using handheld infrared scanners to search and detect heat along the perimeter of the fire in order to secure control lines and extinguish all hot spots.</p> <p>Meteorologists are predicting temperatures in the 80's through Sunday, with winds from the north and northwest close to 15 mph. Firefighters are prepared to catch any spot fires that might flare up, although the potential for spot fires remains quite low.</p> <p>Crews are also facing potential hazards such as debris rollout, falling snags, and working on steep slopes covered in both standing and fallen timber. Safety of firefighters and the public is a top priority.</p> <p>Residents are expected to continue returning back to their homes. All evacuations have been lowered to a Level 1 "Be Ready" by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office. At the height of the incident, nearly 500 structures were threatened. Throughout the entire operation, only one abandoned outbuilding was lost.</p> <p>As of 7:00 a.m, Friday morning, the Oregon Department of Forestry Type 1 Incident Management Team (Smith) has handed the Ramsey Canyon Fire back to the ODF Southwest Oregon District Type 3 Incident Management Team (Johnson). Any further questions can be directed to the District Office at (541) 664-3328.</p>
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Evacuations:	<p>Level 1 (Be Ready): East Evans Creek Road, 15500 through Meadows Road; West Fork Evans Creek Road, addresses of 18504 and 18508; Ramsey Rd., from the 11600-block through the intersection with Meadows Road; Meadows Road, from East Evans Creek Road, south to the address of 14765.</p> <p>For all evacuation information, contact the Jackson County Sheriff's Office.</p>
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## ASSIGNED RESOURCES

Engines: 5	Water Tenders: 3	Helicopters: As needed	Hand Crews: 4	Dozers: As needed
Total Personnel: 132				
Air Tankers: As needed	<b>Cooperating Agencies:</b> Oregon Department of Forestry, BLM Oregon & Washington, Rogue Valley Fire Chiefs Association, Jackson County Sheriff's Office - Oregon			

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