



Garner Complex Fire Update

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The purpose of this update is to give more information about the fire and smoke seen the few days and nights near the Taylor Creek and Pleasant Creek Fires. The public may see more fire and experience smokier conditions.

Burnout operations continue to be conducted on the Grave Creek Fire, Taylor Creek Fire and Pleasant Creek Fire. Burnout means: setting fire inside a control line to consume fuel between the edge of the fire and the control line. Individual tree torching will be visible, especially at night. Wildland and structural fire fighters, who work in twelve hours shifts, will continue efforts to keep the fire inside the control lines. While wildland fire fighters fight the fire, the role of the OSFM resources is to protect structures by prepping (trimming) and creating defensible space around homes.

For the Grave Creek Fire/Ditch Creek Fire (currently at 7,047 acres): The plan for today and tonight is to conduct burn out operations along the east and south edges if conditions allow. The west edge is holding to the road and will be patrolled. Resources assigned are 1 Structural Task Force (OSFM), 37 Crews, 27 Engines, 18 Dozers, 4 Fallers, 5 assorted heavy equipment, 15 Water tenders and overhead.

The Pleasant Creek Fire (currently at 832 acres): As of day, the fire is 1/2 mile from the closest structure and the control line is holding the fire. Assigned resources are 1 Structural Task Force (OSFM) along with 5 Crews, 6 Engines, 4 Water Tenders, 4 Dozers, 1 Faller set and assorted overhead.

The Taylor Creek Fire (currently at 11,831). 5 Structural Task Forces are assigned along with 24 Crews, 15 Engines, 16 Dozers, 7 Water Tenders, 3 Fellerbunchers and assorted overhead. The two task forces in the Limpy Creek and the two in the Pickett area will continue prepping and holding the lines around structures. The remaining three will continue to patrol, prep and assess structures in the surrounding area.

Residents are asked not to touch the flagging, so that assessments will not have to be repeated. Since OSFM has not had to engage in fire fighting, those resources are able to do more assessments and prepping structures ahead of the burnout operations.

Homeowners can assist the efforts of the fire fighter by creating defensible space around their homes and buildings by removing all flammable material more than 30 ft away, cleaning gutters, and trimming driveways 20 feet wide and 14 feet tall for apparatus access.

Size as of 0200 hr. IR flight:	19,944 acres
Change in last 24 hrs.	+2,575 acres
Containment:	18%
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:	\$13.9 Million
Personnel:	2432
Assigned Resources:	
Hand Crews:	74
Engines:	112
Dozers:	35
Water Tenders:	47
Other Heavy Equipment:	5
Assigned Aircraft:	27
Structure Task Forces:	9
Critical Resources Needs:	STAM, ATGS, HECM, HMGB
Injuries:	9
Structures Threatened:	1,336
Structures Damaged:	0
Structures Destroyed:	0
Evacuations: Level 3	Estimated 396 persons

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