



INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM

Garner Complex Fire Update

Friday, July 27 2018 at 9:00 A.M.



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Fire activity was heavy around the perimeter of the Taylor Creek Fire yesterday and overnight into this morning. The column grew to an estimated height of 8-10,000 ft. exceeding the top of the ridge. Last night the fire was most active in the Shan Creek area. Some primary control lines were crossed, but secondary lines held the fire.

The Taylor Creek Fire is expanding on several fronts. Fire fighters are gathering intel on the fire perimeter and scouting for future containment lines. Fire managers are constantly evaluating current information and making contingency plans.

The unstable nature of the fire is requiring careful reconnaissance and evaluation before firefighters engage. Structure protection task forces have a heavy presence in the area and have been planning with wildland resources should the fire move through residential areas.

Historic hot and dry conditions continue in the region. A red flag warning will be in effect today from 1 to 9 p.m. today. That means that a combination of heat, wind and low humidity create a prime condition for increased fire activity. Winds from the north today will push the smoke south. For the next 3-5 days expect to see heavy smoke and a smoke column. Fire activity will be more visible at night.

Weather conditions are likely to be favorable for using planes and helicopters in support of on the ground firefighters. However, high demand from other wildland fires may limit availability to the Garner Complex.

On the positive side, the Grave Creek Fire on the eastern side of the Garner Complex, is doing well. Perimeter lines are holding and firefighters are predominately doing mop-up work on that fire, up to 100 ft in some places. Mop-up means making sure the fire is out and cold. There remains a limited amount of fire activity on the Grave Creek was in the southwestern portion of the fire footprint. A structure protection task force will be supporting a burnout operation today on the south end of the fire.

The Josephine County Sheriff on Thursday extended the mandatory evacuation areas near Shan Creek. Up-to-date information on evacuations are available from the Joint Information Center at 541-474-5305 (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.).

FIRE ACREAGES BY FIRE:

Taylor Creek	16,476
Pleasant Creek	836
Grave Creek/Section 14/Ditch Creek	7,557
Spencer Creek	228

Oregon Department of Forestry IMT 2
 Chris Cline, 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:	25%
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:	2530
Assigned Resources:	
Hand Crews:	76
Engines:	112
Dozers:	32
Water Tenders:	41
Other Heavy Equipment:	7
Assigned Aircraft:	27
Structure Task Forces:	9
Critical Resources:	STAM, ATGS, HECM,
Needs:	HMGB
Injuries:	21
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.)