



## Bootleg Update July 23, 2021

**Location:** 28 miles northeast of Klamath Falls, OR

**Personnel:** 2389

**Size:** 400,389 acres

**Containment:** 40%

(Klamath Falls, OR) – The Oregon State Fire Marshall Incident Management Team has transitioned to working with Zone 2 on the north and northeast sections of the fire. Yesterday, the fireline into Long Creek was improved with hose lay and overnight firefighters were able to begin constructing direct line between Long Creek and Coyote Creek. Crews continue to work on the contingency lines in the northern portion of the fire above Sycan Marsh. Fire activity picked up in the eastern portion of the fire and spotted over Forest Service Road 2901. Last night crews and equipment worked using natural barriers and changes in fuel to contain the spot and protect the Summer Lake community. Crews will work today to hold those areas and scout for additional spots. Due to the fire’s movement to the east, additional Level 3 evacuations were issued for a portion of Lake County, from the Paisley Airport to mile post 82, and from Picture Rock Pass to mile post 77, including the Ana Subdivision. This area is in addition to the previous Level 3 notification.

“Our firefighters have put in an incredible amount of hard work on this fire,” said Joe Hessel, Incident Commander for the Oregon Department of Forestry Incident Management Team. “The fire continues to throw challenges at us, and we are going to continue to stay vigilant, work hard, and adapt.”

On the southeastern portion of the fire, crews worked through the night. There were some half-acre slops across the fire line, jackpots of fuel, and unburned islands that actively burned through the night. Today, firefighters will continue to secure the fireline, hold, and improve the control features.

Firefighters are actively patrolling and mopping areas along the southern portion of the fire. This step is necessary to ensure that all heat that could threaten the security of the fire line has been extinguished. Resources continue to be shifted to meet the needs across the fire area. Firefighters from this fire may be called to provide initial attack response to new fire starts that have the potential to rapidly grow, given the extremely dry fuel conditions.

Winds are expected to shift over the fire area today from a westerly flow to winds from the north or northwest. While these winds will be light, any shift in weather is a heads up situation for firefighters.

The Incident Command Post at Chiquin High School is being dismantled today. Crews and resources have been repositioned to bases near Summer Lake and Paisley. This move will put crews and equipment closer to the active areas of the fire. The Incident Command Post will move to Klamath Falls and will be working out of the Klamath Community College.

**Evacuations:** Evacuations are dynamic. An interactive map of evacuation levels in Lake and Klamath Counties is available at [tinyurl.com/bootlegevac](http://tinyurl.com/bootlegevac)

**Red Cross Evacuation Shelters:** Thrive Church - 235 South Laguna St. Klamath Falls, Oregon will be closing at 1800 Friday. For information or assistance: 1-800-Red-Cross, ([www.redcrossblog.org/disaster](http://www.redcrossblog.org/disaster))

**Closures:** The Fremont-Winema National Forest is closed to the public in the fire area. Map and full order available at [inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7609/](http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7609/).

**Smoke:** Areas around Silver Lake, Summer Lake, and Paisley are experiencing generally improved air quality with some periods of heavy smoke continuing in the afternoon and evening. See: [fires.airfire.org/outlooks/southcentraloregon](http://fires.airfire.org/outlooks/southcentraloregon).

**Fire Information Public Phone:** 541-482-1331

**Inciweb:** [inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7609/](http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7609/)

**Twitter:** [twitter.com/BootlegFireInfo](https://twitter.com/BootlegFireInfo)

**Fire Information Media Phone:** 971-727-7255

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