

RUM CREEK FIRE UPDATE

Thursday, Sept. 15 9 a.m.

Incident Commander Jay Winfield



Fire size: 21,347 acres	Structures lost: 2 homes, 6 others	Containment: 83%
Resources assigned: 724	Fire information: 541-625-0849	https://inciweb.nwccg.gov/incident/8348/
Evacuations: https://tinyurl.com/JOCOEvacMap		https://www.facebook.com/rumcreekfire2022

Mild weather at Rum Creek Fire

MERLIN, Ore. – High relative humidity and moderate temperatures continue to keep fire activity low on the Rum Creek Fire. Dead fuels are gradually absorbing moisture from the air, making them less likely to burn. Similar weather and fire behavior are expected to last into next week, with a chance of rain this weekend.

No significant fire activity was reported Wednesday although residual fuels continued to burn. A helicopter reconnaissance flight checked remote areas of the fire's interior, with a similar flight planned today.

Resources completed repair work on contingency lines south of Galice Road and Bear Camp Road toward Chrome Mountain. Resources are shifting from that area to other parts of the fire where repair work remains to be completed. Fire personnel aim to complete waterbars and other soil stabilization work before heavy fall and winter rains arrive. Surplus resources are being released to other fires or home.

Acreage has not increased for several days, and containment has risen to 83%. The uncontained section of the fire perimeter is adjacent to the Rogue River on the north side of the fire. Limited mop up is being done there due to extensive hazards to firefighters including very steep slopes, falling trees and rolling rocks.

Evacuations: Evacuation information by address can be found at [//JosephineCounty.gov/FireMap](http://JosephineCounty.gov/FireMap). For the most current evacuation information and resources, go to [Josephine County Incident Information \(rvem.org\)](http://Josephine County Incident Information (rvem.org))

Road Closures: Josephine County Sheriff's Office has established traffic access points around the fire zone. Only residents (must show proof of residency) and permitted users will be allowed through. Road blocks are located at:

- Galice Road north of junction with Bear Camp Road;
- Peavine East Road at Bear Camp Road;
- Peavine West Road at Upper Bear Camp Road;
- Quartz Creek Road about 3 miles up (end of County maintenance);
- Stratton Creek Road at Galice Road;
- Hog Creek Road at Galice Road;
- Lower Grave Creek Road at Angora Creek (Grays Ranch);
- Grave Creek Road at the bridge by Grave Creek Boat Ramp.

The Reuben Mountain Road between Lower Grave Creek Road and Dutch Henry Road is open, but grading and other repair work is obstructing this road. The public is asked to stay off the Reuben Mountain Road until repair work is completed.

Recreation Area Closures:

- Rainie Falls Trail is closed.
- Rogue River Trail is closed from Grave Creek to Russian Creek.
- Rogue River is closed from Ennis Riffle to Grave Creek boat ramp. Permitted boaters can still put in at Grave Creek.
- On the closed section of Galice Road, Smullin Visitor Center, Argo Recreation Site and Boat Ramp, and Galice Boat Ramp are closed.

River status: The Rogue River is open to boating down to Ennis Riffle. Boats must pull out of the water at Indian Mary or Ennis Riffle County Park. The river is closed between Ennis Riffle and Grave Creek boat ramp due to fire activity and hazards. The Wild section of the Rogue River below Grave Creek will remain open unless fire conditions warrant closure. River status is determined on a day-to-day basis. Please call 541-471-6535 for more information regarding Rogue River permits. No new boating permits will be issued at this time.