

RUM CREEK FIRE UPDATE

Tuesday, September 20, 9:30 A.M.

Incident Commander Brandon Kerns

Fire size: 21,347 acres	Structures lost: 2 homes, 6 others	Containment: 87%
Resources assigned: 287	Fire information: 541-625-0849	https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8348/
Evacuations: https://tinyurl.com/JOCOEvacMap		https://www.facebook.com/rumcreekfire2022

More Rain Expected Over Rum Creek Fire

MERLIN, Ore. – Low pressure off the northern California coast will bring unsettled weather to the Rum Creek Fire over the next few days. Scattered shower and periods of rain are expected through Wednesday with a drying pattern beginning later in the week. Overnight, the fire received a quarter of an inch of rain. Additional moisture may produce small debris flows in the burn area. Isolated thunderstorms may bring the potential for lightning, but with high relative humidity levels the chances for new fire starts will be low.

Containment has increased to 87-percent with 287 personnel assigned to the incident. Today, crews are focusing on rehabilitation of areas with greatest potential to affect public safety.

A Type 3 Incident Management Team, under the leadership of Incident Commander Brandon Kerns, assumed command of the Rum Creek Fire today at 0700. The team's safety message to the community is to remember that the fire, while not growing, is still not out. This phase of the fire suppression effort is here to protect the community in case fall weather becomes favorable for fire growth and to focus giving the community access to safe passage of roads, trails, forests, and clean water.

Road Checkpoints: Road blocks are located at: Galice Rd north of Almeda; 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); Hog Creek Road at Galice Road; and Galice Road at the bridge by Grave Creek Boat Ramp.

Recreation Area Openings: The Rogue River Trail (river right) is open, as is Almeda County Park. Rocky Bar, Robert Dean, Chair, and Rand Recreation sites remain closed at this time. The Rainie Falls National Recreation Trail (on river left) remains closed. The Grave Creek boat ramp is not accessible from Galice Road. Additional recreation sites are being assessed. Revised closure order and map: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/oregon-washington/fire-restrictions>.

River status: The Wild section of the Rogue River below Grave Creek is open. The Smullin Visitor Center in Rand is now open for permits, and new permits are being issued. The recreation section of the Rogue River is open, however the Rand and Argo Boat Ramps are closed. Day users are recommended to take out at Almeda. Please call 541-471-6535 for more information.