

RUM CREEK FIRE UPDATE

Thursday, September 22, 10:00 A.M.

Incident Commander Brandon Kerns

Fire size: 21,347 acres	Structures lost: 2 homes, 6 others	Containment: 87%
Resources assigned: 216	Fire information: 541-625-0849	https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8348/
Evacuations: https://tinyurl.com/JOCOEvacMap		https://www.facebook.com/rumcreekfire2022

Warming, Drying Trend Begins

MERLIN, Ore. – A warming trend will begin today as the low-pressure system that brought almost a half-inch of rain to the fire area begins to move east. Small vegetation gains moisture quickly, but it also loses moisture quickly. As the sun returns, along with warmer temperatures and lower humidity levels, pockets of unburned vegetation will once again be available to burn. An increase in smoke production is possible as temperatures move back into the 80's this weekend.

While larger fuels in the fire's interior, such as logs and stumps, will continue to smolder until winter arrives, firefighters expect to complete mop up operations within the next week. When completed, fire personnel will have located and extinguished any remaining pockets of heat within 200-feet of containment lines.

A Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation (ESR) team is being briefed today. This team will examine the burned area to identify locations in the forest that were impacted by high intensity fire. They will develop a plan to assist with revegetation, soil stabilization, and erosion control.

Road Checkpoints: Road blocks are located at: Galice Rd north of Alameda; 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 Alameda 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 Alameda. Please call 541-471-6535 for more information.