

# RUM CREEK FIRE UPDATE

Friday, September 23, 10:00 A.M.

Incident Commander Brandon Kerns

<b>Fire size:</b> 21,347 acres	<b>Structures lost:</b> 2 homes, 6 others	<b>Containment:</b> 90%
<b>Resources assigned:</b> 216	<b>Fire information:</b> 541-625-0849	<a href="https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8348/">https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8348/</a>
<b>Evacuations:</b> <a href="https://tinyurl.com/JOCOEvacMap">https://tinyurl.com/JOCOEvacMap</a>		<a href="https://www.facebook.com/rumcreekfire2022">https://www.facebook.com/rumcreekfire2022</a>

\*\*\*FINAL DAILY UPDATE: Based on current and expected fire behavior, this will be the final Rum Creek Fire Daily Update\*\*\*

## Warmer Weather Helping Crews Eliminate Heat

MERLIN, Ore. – Warmer weather and low relative humidity levels forecasted for this weekend will assist fire crews on their mission to seek and destroy any lingering heat within 200-feet of containment lines. Fire crews are on track to meet all suppression goals and are winding down this weekend with operations expected to come to an end early next week.

Containment is currently 90-percent.

Heavy equipment and fire crews are still travelling and working along roads within and near the fire area. If your weekend recreation plans include travel near the forest, please to use caution and keep in mind that recreational and road closures are still in place. Plan ahead and slow down to help ensure everyone can enjoy this beautiful fall weekend.

Since this is the final daily update for the Rum Creek Fire, please utilize the link and phone number listed below for updates on current conditions and potential openings of roads and recreational areas. Any future updates will be provided by local fire agencies if necessary.

**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. Please call BLM Grants Pass Office, 541-471-6500, for more information. 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.