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Start date: Aug 15, 2023	Location: Wild Rivers Ranger District	Cause: Lightning
Acres: 38,955	Containment: 0%	Personnel: 1,150

Smith River Complex North update for Tuesday, August 22, 2023

Grants Pass, Ore. – Fire suppression efforts are progressing as Smith River Complex North resources put in dozer line from Monkey Creek Ridge to Hwy 199. Northwest Incident Management Team 13 (NWIMT13) is working with local fire departments to create a coordinated structure protection plan in the event of significant fire behavior moving towards residences. Currently, in the Dwight Creek area, firefighters are conducting structure protection assessments while in Elk Creek, firefighters are providing structure protection.

Del Norte County has issued a Level 3 evacuation notice from the Oregon/California border south. Specifics of this closure can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/DelNorteOfficeOfEmergencyServices/>.

Josephine County has issued a Level 2 evacuation notice along Hwy 199 south of mile post 39 to the California border, and a Level 1 evacuation for the community of O’Brien south of Rough & Ready Creek. For more information and maps, visit the Rogue Valley Emergency Management site at <https://www.rvem.org>.

The Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest has implemented an area and road closure order for the Smith River Complex. Visit the forest website for additional information <https://tinyurl.com/2s4hymku>.

The Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) around the Smith River Complex has been extended to the north into Oregon. Resources assigned to the Complex will assist with initial attack on fires within the TFR. Due to significant smoke and limited visibility, air operations are limited. A mobile retardant base has also been ordered. This base will allow aircraft to deliver fire retardant more quickly when and where it is needed to help slow fire spread.

Cooperatively responding agencies include the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, the Oregon Department of Forestry, BLM-Coos Bay District, BLM-Medford District, Josephine County Sheriff’s Office, Josephine County EMS, the Illinois Valley Fire Department and Curry County Sheriff’s Office.

<p>Smith River Complex Inciweb: https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incide.../casrf-smith-river-complex #SmithRiverComplex2023 #DelNorteCounty #SixRiversNationalForest #RogueRiverSiskiyouNationalForest</p> <p>Rogue Valley Emergency Management: https://www.rvem.org</p>	<p>Facebook: Josephine County Emergency Management (Get Ready Rogue): https://www.facebook.com/josephinecountyEM U.S. Forest Service- Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest: https://www.facebook.com/R6RRSNF/ Del Norte County Sheriff's Office: https://www.facebook.com/DelNorteCountySheriffDepartment Del Norte Office of Emergency Services Office: https://www.facebook.com/DelNorteOfficeOfEmergencyServices</p>
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