



SHELLY FIRE INCIDENT FACTS:

Incident Start Date: July 3, 2024, **Incident Start Time:** 1:27pm **Incident Type:** Wildland Fire
Cause: Under Investigation **Incident Location:** Marble Mountain Wilderness
Size: 790 Acres **Containment:** 0%

Current Situation: Yesterday, crews constructed additional handline and continued seeking opportunities to work directly at the fire’s edge where possible with the support of aircraft. Contingency groups coordinated with CAL FIRE looking to use old fire lines north and south of the fire. In the early evening hours yesterday, during Red Flag conditions, several spot fires crossed over the Pacific Crest Trail. Two VLATs (Very Large Air Tankers) and multiple helicopters were ordered to assist. Additional resources from the Klamath National Forest and CAL FIRE also responded.

Today, coming up from Mule Bridge, crews will access the southern side of the fire and open up trails making it accessible for the mule packers. At the north side, crews will continue securing lines from the Pacific Crest Trail down towards Razor Ridge. At the southeast corner, crews will be completing handline and work as direct to the fire’s edge as possible. North Contingency Group will be securing the spot fires (approximately 200 acres total) that occurred over the Pacific Crest Trail yesterday evening, working with CAL FIRE. South Contingency Group will be accessing the areas of Snoozers Ridge and Babs Fork.

Weather: A Red Flag Warning is in effect for the afternoon and evening and an Excessive Heat Warning continues through Tuesday. Gusty northwest winds will develop along ridges this afternoon and evening, then shift to the northeast tonight remaining breezy at ridge level but diminishing elsewhere. Today’s weather is forecast to be very hot and extremely dry with a maximum temperature in the 100s (3000-4000 ft.) and minimum relative humidity of 5-7% in the valleys.

Closures: An official closure area around the Shelly Fire went into effect on July 4th. Hikers are not permitted in the area and will be asked to leave the area. For details and a map of the closure are, please visit https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1187463.pdf.

Fire Restrictions: Forest fire restrictions also went into effect on July 4th. Campfires and stove fires are restricted to those developed areas listed in the forest order located at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/klamath/alerts-notice/?aid=88596>. Smoking, welding, and operating an internal combustion engine also has restrictions in place.



<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/caknf-shelly-fire>

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