

Shingle Fire Update

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Special Announcements:

Mark Rapp's Central Oregon Incident Management Team assumed command of the Shingle Fire at 6 pm, July 3. The incident command post is located near Duck Creek at the Cedar Mountain Fire District Station.

General Information:

Yesterday afternoon's red flag warning for gusty winds and low humidity materialized and challenged firefighters on the Shingle Fire. Winds continued into the late evening creating very active fire behavior driving the fire toward the northeast and into the Elk Ridge subdivision. Retardant drops were ineffective and a single home was lost. Several additional spot fires were attacked and successfully extinguished and mopped up. The fire burned to within several hundred yards of Hwy 14 and 1 mile west of Hwy 89.

Night crews were successful in constructing dozer line on the north flank and around the head of the fire. The line construction continued south on the east perimeter.

Today on the north flank, crews will continue to improve and hold the dozer line; and patrol and mop-up any hotspots. On the east flank, crews will build handline moving south from the newly constructed dozer line. Hand line construction, holding and mop-up will occur on the west and south flanks.

Major changes in the weather are expected to begin this afternoon. Cloud cover will increase with a 30% chance of wetting thunderstorms. Temperatures are expected in the mid 70's degrees and relative humidity with a minimum of 17%. Gusty and erratic winds near any thunderstorms could occur. Otherwise winds will continue to the late evening and then subside.

Evacuations:

Stout Canyon, Harris Flats, Ponderosa Village, and Elk Ridge subdivision evacuations remain in effect. Highway 89 remains open and Hwy 14 remains closed from the junction of Strawberry Road to the junction of Hwy 89. Additionally, Forest area closures and evacuations are in effect for Uinta Flat and Turkey Track areas north of Hwy 14. Road closures and evacuation requirements are assessed daily with the primary concern for public safety.

At approximately 8:30 pm last night, Garkane Energy returned power to communities along Hwy 14 corridor from Duck Creek Village to Long Valley at the junction of Hwy 89.

Location: Kane County
Date Started: 07/01/12
Cause: Human
Size: 8,200 acres
Containment: 10%
Injuries: 1
Total Personnel: 374
Resources: Crews: 10, Helicopters: 2-light, 2-medium, 1-heavy lift; Engines: 33, Dozers: 3, Water tenders: 6 and Overhead: 41

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