

**Shingle Fire Update**  
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**Special Announcements:**

At 6:00 AM this morning, July 6<sup>th</sup> the Kane County Sheriff opened Highway 14 for public travel and lifted the evacuation order for communities north of the highway. Please watch out for fire operations vehicles entering the roadway from the side and working along the road. As evacuated public return home please adhere to the Area Closure in place for the fire area. Extreme hazards exist within the fire perimeter. These hazards include fire weakened trees and hot stump holes. Reference the Area Closure at [www.Inciweb.org/incident/2979](http://www.Inciweb.org/incident/2979).

A well-attended and informative community meeting was held tonight, in the Alton Town Hall to provide information regarding the current fire situation and to answer questions from the public.

**General Information:**

Favorable weather conditions over the past three days allowed firefighters to make significant progress improving containment lines around the fire. Although there is still significant potential for spotting and fire spread, crews have been successful at holding the fire at 8,200 acres and the fire is now 40% contained. An afternoon pattern of cooler weather and thunderstorms is expected through much of next week.

Progress has been slow on the southeast flank of the fire due to rugged terrain and heavy concentrations of heat which make it difficult for firefighters to safely construct fireline. Helicopters will continue to be used to drop water to cool areas down enough to allow firefighters to construct and improve fireline directly on the fire's edge.

**Evacuations:**

Evacuation orders remain in effect for Swains Creek and Stout Canyon subdivisions, and portions of Ponderosa Village and Harris Flats subdivisions south of Highway 14. Highways 14 and 89 are now open. Road closures and evacuation requirements are assessed daily by the local Sherriff's Department and the Central Oregon Incident Management team with their primary concern being public and firefighter safety.

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