

Shingle Fire Update
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Fire Information 877-678-0641 or 877-683-5560

Special Announcements:

At 6:00 AM this morning the Kane County Sheriff opened the Swains Creek Road to public access and evacuees were allowed to return to the subdivisions. The fire area in this vicinity is still closed to public access due to hazards such as fire weakened trees and hot stump holes - reference the Area Closure at [www. Inciweb.org/incident/2979](http://www.Inciweb.org/incident/2979). Highway 14 is open for public travel and 10,000 to 30,000 visitors are expected in the vicinity of the fire today for an all-terrain vehicle rally. Fire operations are on-going throughout these areas, so travelers are reminded to be extremely cautious at all times.

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, making 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.

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

Evacuations:

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

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