

Shingle Fire Update
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Special Announcements:

Swains Creek Road was opened to public access on July 7th and evacuees were allowed to return to the subdivision. 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). Fire operations are on-going throughout the area, so travelers on Hwy 14 and Hwy 89 are reminded to be extremely cautious at all times.

General Information:

Firefighters have pioneered in lines around the entire fire perimeter yesterday and will work on improving and securing these lines over the next two to three days. The fire is now 50% contained.

Firelines along the southeast flank of the fire continue to be difficult to improve due to rugged terrain and heavy concentrations of fuels. According to Operations Section Chief Kevin Stock, the most difficult terrain for holding fire lines is in Stout Canyon. This area received little precipitation and is still “bone dry.” The forecast for the next two days will bring an increase in temperatures, with the relative humidity dropping down into the upper teens to mid-twenties, testing these firelines. With drier weather, the fire will be able to spot up to 0.2 of a mile away this afternoon, so crews will be working hard to try to hold this fire at 8,200 acres.

Firefighters on the northeast flank and the west flank continue to hold the fireline and are proceeding with mop-up. Today they will start rehabilitation work such as water-barring containment lines and repairing fences in these areas.

Evacuations:

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

Location: Kane County
Date Started: 07/01/12
Cause: Human – under investigation
Size: 8,200 acres
Containment: 50%
Injuries: 4
Total Personnel: 874
Resources: Crews: 26 (5 Hotshot Crews), Helicopters: 2-light, 3-medium, 2-heavy lift; Engines: 29, Water tenders: 10 and Overhead: 152

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