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Situation Report # 07

Eagle Creek Wildland Fire OERS #2017-2654

EOC Status: Full	EOC Manager: Alice Busch
Date: 9/9/17	EOC Phone: 503-988-6700 option 1
Time: 1630 hrs	Email: em.dutyofficer@multco.us

General

1. Incident Summary

Measure	Quantity	As of
Acres burned	33,382 acres	9/8/17
% contained	7%	9/9/17
Personnel assigned to incident	"Over 1,000" (per USFS at 13:30 press briefing on 9/9/17; inciweb currently says 987 at 16:30)	9/9/17
Homes threatened	5,230 homes are threatened	9/8/17
Homes destroyed	4 total: 1 primary residence, 3 non-primary residences	9/8/17
Other structures destroyed	4 other structures	9/8/17

Fire activity increased in the east, due to shifts in wind direction. Otherwise, the perimeter remained the same overnight because of increased air moisture and little wind. Operations have been successful due to favorable conditions today, but may become drier and windier in upcoming days. Public information about the fire is being posted regularly on inciweb:

<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5584/>

Evacuations

- No new evacuations are anticipated in Multnomah County today or tomorrow.
- Hood River Sheriff's Department issued one new Level 1 and one new Level 2 evacuation notice on Friday afternoon.
- Clear messaging about evacuation levels and areas will be important for everyone.

The Multnomah County EOC operating 0800 hrs to 2000 hrs. SitReps will be published once per day. EOC status will respond to the needs of the incident, but is expected to remain open through the weekend and into late next week.

Agencies represented at the Multnomah County EOC in Troutdale include:

- Adventist Community Services Disaster Response

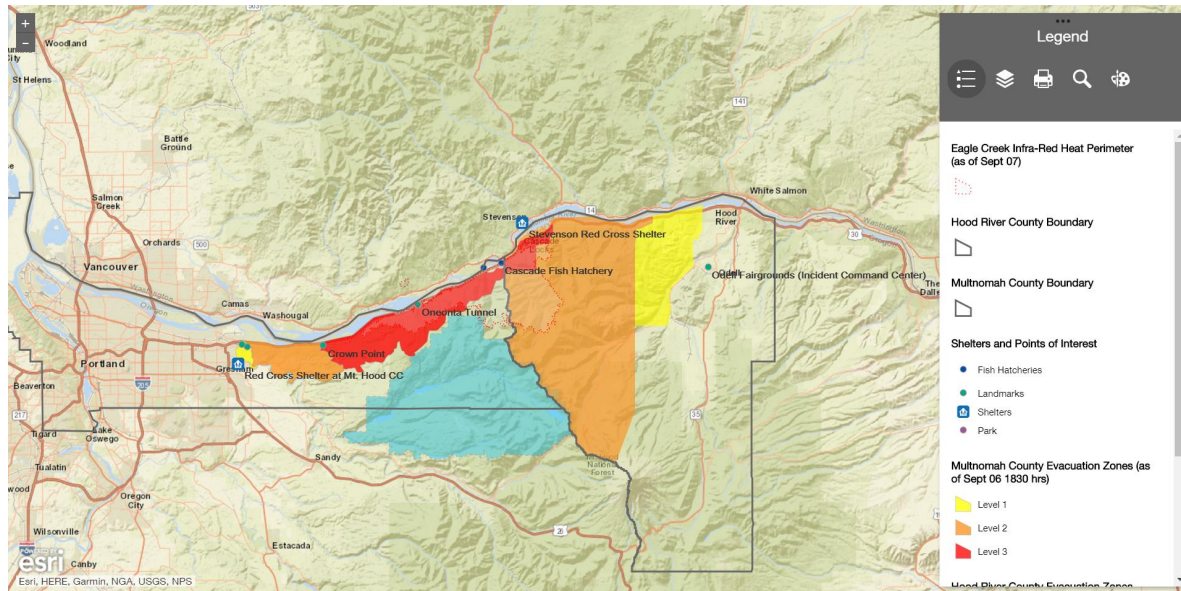
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- American Red Cross
- City of Portland
- Clackamas County
- Metro
- Multnomah County
 - Emergency Management, MCEM
 - Department of County Human Services, DCHS
 - Department of County Assets, DCA
 - Sheriff's Office, MCSO
 - Health Department, MCHD
 - Communications Office
 - Department of Community Services, DCS - Animal Services
- Oregon Department of Forestry
- Oregon State Fire Marshal
- Pathway Church
- State of Oregon
 - Oregon Department of Forestry
- Southern Baptist Disaster Coordination
- U.S. Forest Service

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2. Current Situation/Status Map

Evacuation areas are shown below:



Note: This map was updated today (Saturday, 9/9/17) to include Hood River County evacuation areas. Current iterations of this map are posted [here](#).

Level 3 evacuation (red): Warrendale, Dodson, Bridal Veil, Larch Mountain, and Corbett east of the 38700 block of the Columbia River Highway.

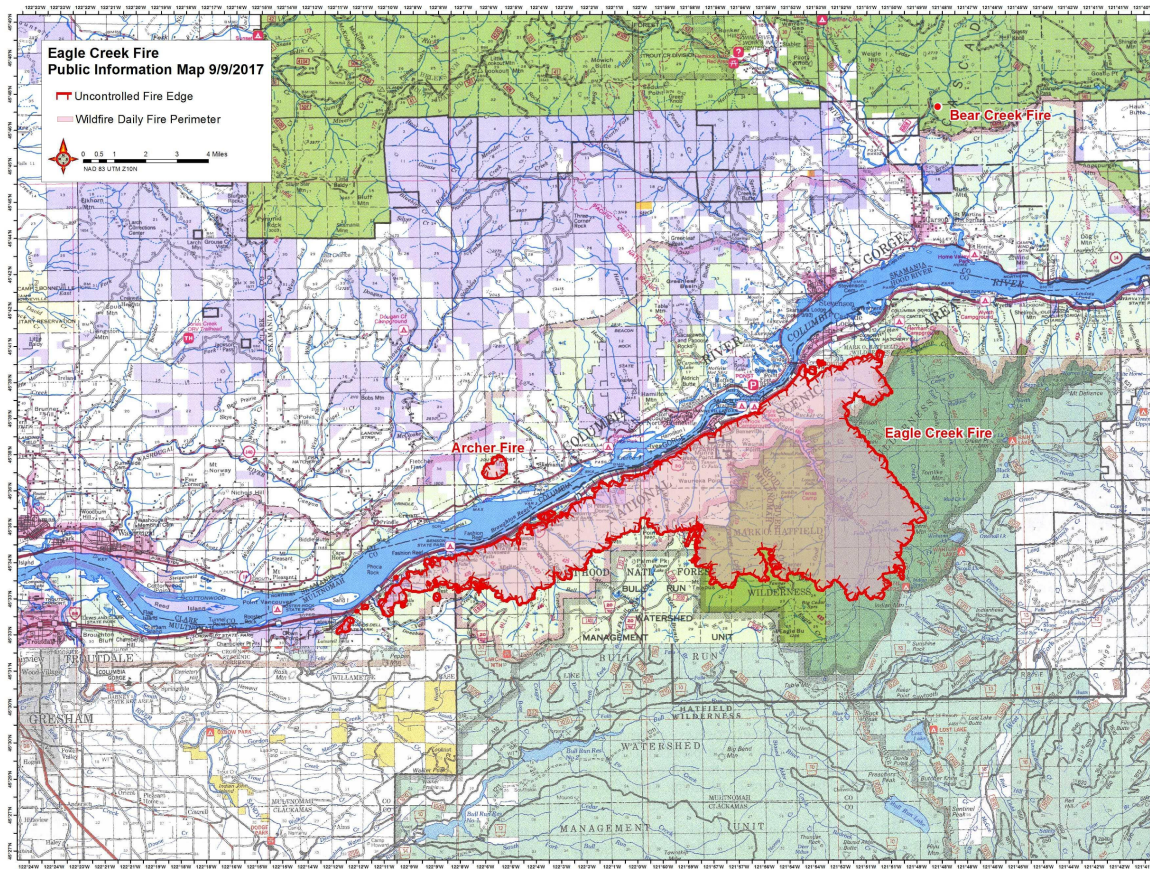
Level 2 evacuation (orange): Springdale and Corbett west of the 38700 block of the Columbia River Highway, bounded by the Sandy River.

Level 1 evacuation (yellow): Troutdale east of 257th, north of Stark, and west of the Sandy River.

There are no changes to evacuation levels anticipated in Multnomah County today or tomorrow. Hood River Sheriff's Department issued two new evacuation notices on Friday - one Level 1 and one Level 2.

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Heat map of the fire (02:42 Saturday morning, 9/9/17)



Responders have also developed a map of decision points for the fire.

3. Call Centers

- Fire Information Line: 541-392-1632
- Red Cross: 1-888-680-1455
- 211
- Multnomah County Crisis Line: 503-988-4888
- Aging and Disability Resource Center, ADRC: 503-988-3656
- NO LONGER IN USE: 503-823-2323 - this number is now forwarding to 211

4. Activated EOCs/DOCs/ICPs

- Multnomah County Emergency Operations Center - full activation, Troutdale
- Multnomah County Sheriff's Office - Command Post at Glenn Otto Park
- Joint Information Center - Troutdale co-located with the EOC
- Federal NFS Type 1 Incident Management Team integrated with Federal NFS Type 2 Team and State Fire Marshal's Type 2 IMT.

6. Forecasted or potential issues

Portland Water Bureau has developed messaging and contingency plans for evacuation of the watershed and retardant drops in the watershed, although these outcomes seem unlikely at this time.

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8. Weather Forecast

Air quality is improving in the Portland metro area following a smoky week. Air Quality Index (AQI) was 28 at 1300 hrs, which is considered “good,” such that “Air quality is considered satisfactory, and air pollution poses little or no risk.”

Today’s weather is partly sunny with scattered showers, temperatures 78, winds w-sw 20 - 25 mph, with minimum relative humidity at 45%. The weather forecast for tomorrow is similar to that experienced today. On Monday, there will be little or no clouds/fog and inland temps are expected to rise close to 90 by afternoon. Monday will likely be the warmest day of the coming week. Smoke will likely continue today and Sunday over the Central Columbia River Gorge and Upper Hood River Valley and affect air quality in those areas, but should be considerably weaker than last week. Expect some smoke and decrease in air quality over forecast area on Monday, west of the fires.

Sources:

<http://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?lat=45.5404&lon=-122.3854#.WbEWm8iGPIV>

Real-time temperature and wind direction maps are available here:

<https://www.wunderground.com/weather/us/or/troutdale/97060>

Emergency Support Functions

ESF 1: Transportation

Interstate 84 remains closed from Troutdale (MP17) to Hood River (MP 62) due to active fire, debris on the roadway, and the potential of rolling rocks and falling trees. The Oregon Department of Transportation is removing the first of at least 2,000 hazard trees that need to be felled before the highway will be safe to re-open. The historic Columbia River Highway is also closed from MP9 to MP22.

On the Washington side, SR-14 is closed to commercial traffic in both directions, but open to passenger vehicles. Bridge of the Gods is closed. SR-14 is extremely congested in both directions, so travel is discouraged unless necessary.

The USCG has established a temporary safety zone on the Columbia River from river mile 126 (Corbet, OR) to river mile 185 (just below the Dalles). All vessels are prohibited from operating within 500 yards of all aircraft engaged in firefighting operations while in this zone.

Additionally, all vessels are prohibited from entering a subsection of this zone, from river mile 154 (Anderson Point Oregon) to River mile 158 (Collins Point Washington), without express permission from the Captain of the Port.

Union Pacific has re-opened rail lines through the gorge. They report that the rail line is inspected before each train passes, and no trains that could pose a fire hazard (oil) are currently moving through.

Troutdale Airport is open only to aircraft with electronic navigation. Traffic is very light since many planes based at airport rely on visual navigation only (no updates on 9/9/17).

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ESF 2: Communications

As of 0900 all telecommunication, wireless and radio operating as normal.

ESF 3: Public Works

Electric Utilities (No updates on 9/9/17)

There is no immediate risk to PGE's power supply and distribution system. They are monitoring the fire. [BPA](#) has a line from Acton to Cascade Locks out of service, but no structures have been destroyed and there are no other impacts.

Water Utilities

The one percent of the Bull Run Watershed that has been burned is on the northwest corner of the watershed boundary. At this time, the fire is not near the drinking water reservoirs or water supply infrastructure. Water from the Bull Run continues to be safe to drink.

Firefighters entered the watershed Thursday and evaluated Water Bureau structures. They found that the water supply structures, including Headworks, are "highly defensible." Fire agencies are prioritizing the protecting of the Bull Run Watershed.

Incident Command is establishing firebreaks along the southern flank of the fire. The Water Bureau is cooperating with that effort as Incident Command establishes fire lines within the northern perimeter of the watershed. The bureau is helping to provide access to firefighters by opening watershed gates and providing portable restrooms to meet their sanitation needs.

ESF 4: Fire

As of September 8th, the fire is holding at 33,382 acres and is 7% contained. Helicopters have increased their flying time over the last several days as smoke levels have slightly subsided. Suppression efforts via aircraft will continue until it is unsafe to fly.

A flight over the Eagle Creek Fire area Friday morning found fire further east than previously observed. Based on this information, the Hood River County Sheriff's Office has changed the evacuation levels for parts of the county west of Hood River. Some areas were added to the Level 1 evacuation. The Level 2 evacuation east of Cascade Locks was extended to include Wyeth.

On Friday, the burnout operations near Cascade Locks were completed. This created large quantities of smoke, but greatly reduced the danger of the fire's northern progression. Firefighters also successfully burned fuels around a communications tower south of Cascade Locks.

Gusty winds from the west pushed much of the smoke out of the east end of the Columbia River Gorge. This gave residents of Cascade Locks, Stevenson, and North Bonneville clearer air, although smoke was still present in Hood River.

The cleaner air also gave a view of the mosaic of burned areas on the slopes affected by the Eagle Creek Fire. Some areas contain trees with brown needles or portions of slopes where crown fires consumed most of the foliage and branches from the trees. Other areas within the fire perimeter have green trees. While some of these may die later from damage to their roots, many of these trees should survive, keeping the gorge green.

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MCSO is continuing enhanced patrols to watch for new fire activity and monitor security of evacuated homes.

Unified Command transitioned to a Type 1 team today with Type 2 resources integrated into the team. According to [inciweb](#) on 9/9/17, incident costs increased more than usual due to Oregon State Fire Marshal costs of \$1.8 million being added.

ESF 5: Information & Planning

ESF 6: Mass Care & Sheltering

About 1,822 people total have been evacuated from Multnomah and Hood River County, mostly Monday night into Tuesday (9/8/17). An accessible evacuation shelter is located at the Mt Hood Community College, 3691 NE 17th Drive, Gresham, OR. The night of 9/8/17, 21 people slept inside the shelter and 17 camped in the parking lot in campers. Shelter numbers decreased from 23 on Thursday night. Pets are welcome, and are being sheltered in a separate building.

This shelter is being operated by the Red Cross in partnership with Multnomah County. DCHS and MCHD are in the shelter and providing support services including resource referral, food stamp support, emotional support, and basic hygiene and medical needs.

Red Cross is assessing shelter staffing on a daily basis. They are also operating a shelter in Skamania County which is partially serving Oregon residents. They are also leaning forward in anticipation of opening a Hood River County shelter in case evacuation levels change. They also have capacity to house additional persons at the existing shelters and currently have no plans to relocate. A back-up shelter site has been secured if needed, but that seems unlikely at this time.

ESF 6 responders are working with Oregon Health Authority data and have located all long term care facilities in Level 2 and Level 1 areas, get their evacuation plans and any transportation needs.

Corbett Schools are closed until further notice. East Portland Community Center is hosting students from Corbett Elementary School tomorrow.

ESF 7: Resource Support

ESF 8: Health & Medical

Air quality improved today and is expected to be good through most of the weekend, but may decline on Monday as conditions get drier and windier.

Source: https://airnow.gov/index.cfm?action=airnow.local_city&cityid=160

Mult Co Health is in close touch with Portland Water Bureau and Oregon Health Authority regarding questions related to fire retardant. No fire retardants have been used in the watershed, fire managers have clarified that they would only use fire retardants to save lives.

Agreement that MRC volunteers doing medical intake at the shelter will work with Red Cross medical screening forms and will follow Red Cross protocols for filing and getting additional medical help.

For the most current information is at: www.multco.us

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ESF 9: Search & Rescue

ESF 10: Hazardous Materials

ESF 11: Food & Water

ESF 12: Energy

ESF 13: Military Support

ESF 14: Public Information

A news briefing was held at 1330 today at the Troutdale EOC/Joint Information Center (JIC), with briefs by Paul Certa of the U.S. Forest Service and Multnomah County Sheriff Mike Reese.

A VIP press conference was then held at 1415 today at the Troutdale EOC/Joint Information Center (JIC), with reports by

- Governor Kate Brown
- Jim Pena, R6 Regional Forester
- Tony Tooke, U.S. Forest Service Chief
- Traci Weaver, spokesperson for USFS and BLM
- U.S. Senator Ron Wyden
- Hilary Franz, Public Lands Commissioner
- Greg Walden, U.S. Representative
- Peter DeFazio, U.S. Representative
- Paul Blackburn, Hood River Mayor

Starting 9/10/17, the daily press briefing will happen at 09:30 (instead of 09:00). This will give fire officials time to get to the meeting.

211 is taking calls on wildfires statewide but has a separate line for calls related to the Eagle Creek Fire. Their most common questions are (1) when can evacuees go home and (2) how can volunteers help.

OEM PIOs are monitoring wildfires around the state and key public messages. Talking points were distributed to PIOs on their list. Key messages are related to:

- **Donations and volunteers:** The public can help most by waiting until we assess what is needed. Check multco.us/em for the latest information.
- **Air quality:** Avoid outdoor areas with heavy smoke.
- **Masks:** Do not rely solely on the use of surgical masks, bandanas and other common masks. These have not been shown to prevent smoke exposure.
- **Road closures:** I-84 is closed.
- **Evacuation levels:** Know the three evacuation levels.

Returning home after a fire: Don't go home until officials say it's safe.

Multnomah County Communications Office is assisting with emergency messaging, and they continue to promote air quality messages and fire information the main Multnomah County website at

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www.multco.us/em. Their messages have also been shared via Facebook and Twitter. Hashtag is #eaglecreekfire. Community meetings are planned for the next two days. One for the Corbett community, and one for the Troutdale, Columbia River Gorge Community.

The Community Meeting in Troutdale will be held on:

Monday, 9/11/17 at 18:00 (6:00 p.m.) Edgefield (2126 SW Halsey St, Portland OR 97060)

The interagency Type 1 team will run the briefing and open the meeting up for a brief question and answer period. Informational tables will be present to provide community members with answers to their questions about: how to help, health and safety, emotional first aid, prevention and mitigation measures, and more.

ESF 15: Volunteers & Donations

The Red Cross has received in-kind donations from the community at their shelters. Public messaging around donations has been effective and the flow of donations to shelters has decreased, although they continue to receive a surplus of water. Red Cross will work with the County and community partners to distribute resources after the shelter's needs are met.

Logistics has begun working on a community re-entry support and volunteers and donations management strategy, which will enable community members who want to donate to or assist residents impacted by the fire. The EOC is now staffing a donations management position to assist with this.

Logistics reports that most of the food provided in the EOC and Sheriff's was donated.

ESF 16: Law Enforcement

As of 9/8/17, it was suggested that Hood River County Sheriff may request mutual aid resources if they issued a level 1 evacuation. That afternoon, they did issue both Level 1 and Level 2 evacuation notices.

Oregon State Police have identified a prime suspect who started the fire and he is cooperating in their ongoing investigation.

ESF 17: Animal Protection

As of 9/4/17, more than 400 animals (mostly livestock) were evacuated from Level 3 areas in the county. Most livestock are sheltered at Clackamas County fairground and a horse facility. There have been no new animal transport requests since Tuesday night (confirmed on 9/9/17). Animal protection is continuing to develop plans to transport animals for re-entry and maintain a list of available volunteers that can be called upon to assist if needed. Sound Equine Options agreed to table at community meetings on 9/10 and 9/11, to discuss re-entry and concerns that livestock owners may have. The Animal Protection specialist on the Operations Team contacted the state veterinarian and researchers at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, and confirmed there is no concern with the level of ash being toxic when livestock return to pastures.

ESF 18: Business & Industry

Command and General Staff

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Command:

- IC: MCSO Lt. Ned Walls (9/9/17, found in IAP)
- EOC Manager: Alice Busch
- EOC Manager Deputy: Dan Nibouar
- Volunteer Agency Liaison Officer: Justin Ross
- Logistics: Erik Vidstrand
- Planning: Robin Holm
- Finance: Patrick Collins
- Operations: Beth McGinnis
- PIO: Julie Sullivan-Springhetti

Additional Information**Meeting Schedule for 9/9/2017 (as of 16:45):**

Meeting Name	Location	Time	Attendees	
Fire Marshall Type 2 Team 6 Ops Briefing	Odell ICP (Hood River County Fairgrounds)	0600	OSFM Type 1 Team & MCSO Evac Unit	C
EOC All-Staff Briefing	MultCo EOC 234 SW Kendall Ct, Troutdale, OR	0830	All EOC Staff	M
NW Air Quality Coordination Call	Conference call number is 1-888-808-6929, Participant code: 390666	0830	ESF-8	
Eagle Creek Fire/Hot Wx Coord Call	Conference call number is 877-336-1829, Participant Code: 7189170	0930	Ops Chief	Did Sta
Command and General Staff Meeting	MultCo EOC 234 SW Kendall Ct, Troutdale, OR	1030	EOC Command and General Staff, SITUL	Small
LUNCH		1220	All the peeps	
Fire Update Briefing	MultCo EOC 234 SW Kendall Ct, Troutdale, OR	1330	PIOs, SITUL	(
VIP Press Conference (Governor, Congressional Delegates, USFS, National Guard, Commissioners)	MultCo EOC 234 SW Kendall Ct, Troutdale, OR	1415-1515	PIOs	Walk EOC
IMT Coordination Call	888-844-9904 Code: 8202948#	1400		
State EOC Coordination Call	Conference call number is 1-877-402-9753 Code: 355779#	1500	Deputy EOC Manager	
Sit Stat Updates Due	Send to ecoc.situationunit@multco.us	1500	Section Chiefs & Liaisons	
Tactics/Planning Meeting	Multco ECC conference room	1530	C&G staff, SITUL, Agency Reps (optional)	

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Fire Command Briefing	Odell ICP (Hood River County Fairgrounds)	1600	MCSO Evac Team	
Oregon VOAD Leadership Conf Call	(800) 320-4330 Pin: 714633	1600	Volunteer Agency Liaison	Sma
Law Enforcement Briefing	Odell ICP (Hood River County Fairgrounds)	1600	MCSO Chief Gates + EOC Rep	
Community meeting Event Planning Meeting	Multco EOC	1630	OPS, ESF 2,6,8, 17, Deputy EOC manager, resource unit, Logistics, PIO	Small
SitRep Issued	MultCo EOC 234 SW Kendall Ct, Troutdale, OR	1630	Planning Sit Unit	
MCSO Evac Team Briefing	Glen Otto	1900	MCSO Evac Team	
All-EOC Staff Briefing	MultCo EOC 234 SW Kendall Ct, Troutdale, OR	1930	All EOC staff	M
EOC closed for the day	MultCo EOC 234 SW Kendall Ct, Troutdale, OR	2000	All EOC staff	