



# WOODWARD FIRE

Northern Rockies National Incident Management Team 2  
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**Fire Activity and Planned Operations:** Fire resources made excellent progress yesterday on the fire, increasing containment up to 57%. Fire activity was largely moderated by the marine layer and heavy smoke, but where fuels, slope and wind aligned, slightly higher fire intensity was observed. Sunshine in the southeastern portion of the fire footprint allowed for some successful burnout operations. Today, we aim to continue tactical backfiring operations in the portion of the fire closest to the communities currently evacuated. Planned tactics include drones, plastic sphere dispensers, and hand ignition (i.e., “backburning”). We also plan to continue mop-up operations on the southeast and northwest sides of the fire.



**Evacuations:** The following evacuation \*warnings\* have been lifted: Drakes View, Inverness, Olema and Sea Haven, except an area around Point Reyes Park Headquarters. All other evacuation warnings and orders are still in effect. For the most up-to-date evacuation information, please visit <https://bit.ly/2QqxVm4>. An interactive map of the area is also available that shows current fire extent, hot spots, and evacuation status at <https://bit.ly/2Ex41Ko>.

**Smoke:** Varying degrees of smoke will continue today, but diminish over time. The presence of the marine layer and the weather will continue to be a factor in the degree of smoke that is experienced. For more information go to: <https://fire.airnow.gov>.

**Closures:** Point Reyes National Seashore remains closed to the public until further notice. This includes all beaches within the National Seashore, and applies to Labor Day weekend. Coastal roadways are restricted to local traffic to provide for the safety of firefighting resources and the public.

**Weather:** The marine layer is expected to remain steady today, potentially compressing slightly. Daytime high temperatures will be between 62–72 °F, with a relative humidity of 60–75%, higher near the coast, lower Bear Valley and Olema Valley. Winds will generally be NW, 6–11 mph, with gusts up to 18 mph.

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### Fire Information

Origin: August 18, 2020

Cause: lightning strike

Location: 3 mi SW of Olema, CA

Area Burned: 4,626 acres

Containment: 57 %

Total Personnel: 486

- Crews: 11
- Engines: 37
- Helicopters: 4
- Dozers: 1
- Masticators: 1
- Water Tenders: 5