

Woodward Fire Update Information 415-851-9970

Fire Update - September 07, 2020

Great Basin Type 3 Team 4, Eric Newell, Incident Commander, took command of the fire this morning.

The fire fighters continue to work hard on the fire. Even under critical weather conditions, the fire has stayed within existing containment lines over the past few days. Crews are keeping a close eye on any hot spots within close proximity to the fire line and are addressing those through mop-up efforts. The existing control lines are also being patrolled multiple times a day to ensure that the fire has not moved outside containment lines. Felling crews have taken care of most of the snags near the fire line, however, any trees that may be dangerous to fire fighters or at risk of compromising the line will be addressed.

Weather: Critical Fire Weather Expected. The marine layer will be shallow or erode completely. Maximum relative humidity is expected to be 70–100 percent in the morning for the coast with ridges as low as 10–20 percent. Daytime highs will be 65°–74° coast and 80°–95° inland. Winds generally northwest 7–12 mph with gusts to 20 mph. A light sea breeze will also be possible through the day near the coast. Breezy northerly to at times northeasterly winds are possible Monday night into Tuesday morning. It may also be quite warm and dry across the ridges through the night leading to Critical Fire Weather through Tuesday morning. During this weather event there will be a small contingency of fire fighters patrolling through the night watching for issues that might arise.

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: The critical fire weather experienced over the last few days has dried out the fuels and made them more receptive to burning. This burning is occurring exclusively within containment lines in both heavy fuels and unburnt "islands" in the interior of the fire. This burning has generated a considerable amount of smoke. The weather, will dictate which areas experience the worst air quality. Wind (along with topography) will be the biggest influencers today and with the northwest winds forecasted, the areas to the southeast of the fire will likely experience the worst air quality.

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

Air quality links: https://fire.airnow.gov/# https://tools.airfire.org/monitoring/v4 https://californiasmokeinfo.blogspot.com/