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Six Rivers National Forest
Klamath National Forest

Orleans Complex Butler and Red Fire Update July 19, 2025

Fire Information: 707-532-5747

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Online Fire Information: www.linktr.ee/srffirepio

Butler Fire: 14,226 acres; 2% containment

Red Fire: 116 acres; 80% containment

Operational Updates:

- **Butler Fire:** The spot fire in Boyd Gulch continued its uphill progression July 18, spilling into the upper elevations of Logan Gulch to its south and cresting Hog Ridge to its east. Within the main body of the fire west of Salmon River Road, wind and slope alignment led to rapid fire spread—up to a half-mile an hour at times—as the fire moved southward into Fong Wah Gulch, throwing spot fires ahead of the main fire.

On the east side of Salmon River Road, crews were successful at digging line and laying hose along much of the fire's northern perimeter to block the fire's progression into miles of dry, dense vegetation. Fire backed down to structures along the roadside overnight, but protection measures held. Overnight infrared readings picked up heat sources in the upper reaches of Dead Mule Gulch and Swan Gulch, as well as the lower elevations of Pollocks Gulch.

Along the southern perimeter of the main fire west of Salmon River Road, a spot fire was thrown from Fong Wah Gulch into the Horn Creek drainage. By evening fire had moved into the next drainage, McNeal Creek, as it progressed toward hand and dozer lines put in place by firefighters days before.

Minimal activity was seen along the fire's western perimeter, staying mostly within the Butler Creek boundary.

- **Red Fire:** No significant activity occurred on the Red Fire. New containment numbers reflect more accurate reporting.

Evacuations:

Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office issued additional evacuation orders July 17 to include SIS-1710 and SIS-1808. They join existing evacuation orders for FRK-1709 (Forks of Salmon), SIS-1703, SIS-1704 (Butler Creek, Lewis Creek, Bloomer Mine residents and Nordheimer Campground), SIS-1707-A, SIS-1707-B, SIS-1708, SIS-1803-A, SIS-1804 and SIS-1805.

The Siskiyou Office of Emergency Services has established a dedicated phone number to assist people with their evacuation needs: 530-340-3539.

Zones SAW-1713, SIS-1705, SIS-1712, SIS-1802, SIS-1811 and SIS-1906 are under an evacuation warning, where residents are advised to be prepared to evacuate if conditions become more threatening. The latest evacuation information can be found at <https://protect.genasys.com>.

Closures:

- **Butler Fire:** Salmon River Road between Butler Flat and Nordheimer Campground remains closed as rocks and burning debris continued to fall onto the roadway.
- **National Forests:** The Six Rivers and Klamath National Forests issued a joint [closure order](#) July 16 within the vicinity of the Butler Fire. The closure includes Nordheimer and Oak Bottom campgrounds. The Pacific Crest Trail remains open, but hikers are advised to exercise caution.

Weather and Fire Behavior:

- While slightly cooler, temperatures will stay in the low 90s and winds are expected to come mostly come out of the west with occasional gusts up to 20 miles an hour for another active day on the fire line.

Fire Safety and Prevention:

- Persistently high temperatures will keep fuels dry and increase potential fire danger. Forest users are reminded to prevent wildfires: Make sure your campfire is DEAD OUT before leaving it, don't park on dry grass, and be careful with anything else that can start a wildfire.

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