



Situation Report #15

OERS #: 2020-2231

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1. Situation (station update, actions taken)

County Declaration Yes No If yes - Date: 9/9/2020 Time: 1043

Cities Emergency Declarations: Unknown, affected cities evacuated and may be damaged by fire

Incident Description: Beachie Creek Fire 2020

Initial Situation: High wind event from the east pushed existing fires to the west and greatly increased their size impacting communities in the Santiam Canyon and causing communities to evacuate. Heavy smoke affects areas to Salem and vicinity. Winds also brought down powerlines and trees.

Additional Information:<http://www.co.marion.or.us/Alerts?AlertId=83>

According to Beachie Creek Fire update the cause is under investigation

2. Impacted Areas (Countywide)

Cities up the canyon are impacted by the fires and evacuations.

3. Transportation Status (Road, bus, rail, include closures, reopened dates)

Hwy 22 closed between MP 22 and MP 81; Highway 22 will remain closed at North Fork Rd SE and Mile Post 29, near the west end of Mill City. The four mile section of Highway 22 between the cities of Mill City and Gates will be open for travel. Community members returning to Gates and Mill City will need to use the following travel route to access their residences and businesses:

- Highway 22 east to Hwy 226
- Hwy 226 turns into Lyons/Mill City Dr
- Lyons/Mill City Dr to SW Kingwood Ave
- Kingwood Ave to Gates School Rd
- Gates School Rd to E Sorbin Ave

- E Sorbin Ave to Highway 22

The areas immediately to the north of the city limits of Mill City and Gates remain at a Level 3 – “Go” evacuation status. Road closures will be in effect on Carr Road, Hudel Road and Gates Hill Road north of the city limits.

North Fork: Due to the extreme hazardous conditions still present, we are unable to open North Fork Road and Gates Hill Road at this time. Some of the hazardous conditions are: falling trees and rocks, spot fires, downed power lines, limited road access due to trees still in the road, fire contaminants, damaged culverts and bridges, as well as the potential risk of generators back feeding to the power grid.

The damage assessment team has been conducting damage assessment on public infrastructure in the right-of-way for the last two days.

The EOC participated in a conference call with OEM and FEMA on Sunday to discuss Individual Assessment.

4. Utility Status (Power, gas, phone, sewage, etc.)

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Estimates of the affected population: Out of Service (OoS), include provider name.					
POWER	NATURAL GAS	TELEPHONE	SEWAGE	WATER	OTHER
1097	10				

5. Emergency Notifications (Date, time, delivery method, threat)

METCOM made initial notifications. Marion County Emergency Management is the lead department for fielding calls, public information, and overall situational awareness. Notifications are being provided on social media, the county website and via flash alert.

6. Current Casualty Data (Can be estimated for missing and injured)

# of Missing	# Injured	# Confirmed Dead
Unk	4	5

7. Damage Assessment (Info about damage reporting process)

Per Marion County Traffic Engineering - Three teams of four county employees doing an initial damage assessment on 9/18 and 9/19. These teams looked for damage that could be a hazard to traffic or had the potential to impact the roadway. The teams included a two members from engineering (Capital Projects and Traffic), one member from Environmental Services, and one member from Operations. The teams completed their assessments for all County Roads affected by the fires at the end of the day Saturday. Damage was logged using GIS software.



The engineers began doing initial cost estimates for the damage on 9/20 and are continuing with this today. Operations began addressing the significant issues such as culverts that had melted on Saturday based on the information collected. Scott Wilson could give you additional information on this effort.

We also did a run through with our "Orbit" (vehicle mounted camera) on 9/17 to document the condition of the roads before repair efforts were started.

Once damage assessment is complete Red Cross will start case management on registered evacuees.

8. Evacuation Status (Areas forecast needing evac, or currently underway)

Current evacuation areas at 8 a.m. September 22nd, 2020:

Level 3 – "Go"

Detroit

Idanha

Breitenbush

North Fork Road east of Pioneer Road SE.

Hwy 22 east of Mile Post 32.5

Level 2 – "Be Set"

Hwy 22 from Mile Post 16.5 to Mile Post 32.5

Lyons

Mehama

Mill City

Gates

Fernridge Rd west of Shellburg Creek Rd to Basil Hill.

Crooked Finger Rd S of Hazelnut Ridge Rd.

North Fork Road to Pioneer Road, including Kubin Road SE.

Pioneer Road SE to Hwy 22, including Hudel Road SE and Taylor Park Road

Level 1 – "Ready"

Scotts Mills

Areas east of Meridian Road, Davis Creek, and Victor Point south to the Marion County line.

9. Shelter Status

As of 9/21/20

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
DRO 568-21 - District 2				Address	Clients	Rooms	Notes	
Red Cross Managed								
Marion County								
		Congregate Shelter - Salem			38			
		Fairgrounds RV etc.. (Feeding only)			61			
		Marion County Non-Congregate						
		Super 8, Woodburn			165	62		
		Quality Suites, Kaizer			1	1		
		Days Inn Black Bear, Salem			49	31		
		La Quinta, Salem			2	1		
		Grand Hotel, Salem			10	4		
		Holiday Inn, Salem			7	4		
		Rodevay Inn, Salem					closed	
		Super 8, Salem			14	8		
		Comfort Suites, Salem		630 Hawthorne Ave SE, Salem, OR 97301	1	1		
		Howard Johnson, Salem			20	14		
		Best Western, Salem		3125 Ryan Dr SE, Salem, OR 97301	1	1	1 DI referred client	
		Motel 6, Salem			1	1	1 DI referred client	
		Shilo Inn, Salem			2		2 DI referred clients	
		Total Marion County			372	128		
Benton County								
		Benton County Non-Congregate						
		Hilton Garden Inn, Corvallis			45	26		

If known: Volcano Stadium in Keizer closes today, 9/22/20.

 Number of cases related to people with access and functional needs issues: [Click here to enter text.](#)

List pet/service animal shelters: State Fairgrounds, Polk County Fairgrounds, St. Paul Rodeo Grounds; Gervais FFA Baseball Field, Willamette Mission State Park.

10. Critical Resource Status (known critical resources, anticipated shortages, mutual aid issues)

Unknown at this time

11. Weather Forecast

This Afternoon: Mostly cloudy, high of 70 degrees.

Tonight: Cloudy, with a low around 50. Southern wind around 3 mph.

Weather Today in Salem, OR

61° Feels Like

High / Low 70°/59°

Wind 3 mph



Humidity 84%
Pressure 30.05 in
UV Index 0 of 10

12. Conference Call Schedule (put phone number for more information)

0700 - IMT @Chemeketa -ZOOM

8:00 Intro to EOC to new staff.

9:00 Management Update

1000 - Beachie Creek Fire Cooperators Meeting

<https://usfs.zoomgov.com/j/1609429015?pwd=K0Jzajc3SGtDWVEzMldOWVVBUiU4dz09>

1130 - EOC Objectives C&GS

1300 - State ECC Call

1-877-402-9753

Participant: 355779#

1300 - Santiam Tacticians Coordination Call

1430 - EOC Tactics

1530 - EOC Planning Meeting

1900 - Fire planning meeting

<https://usfs.zoomgov.com/j/1616817373>

13. Next Expected Situation Report Release

09/23/2020 1500

14. Supplemental Information

September 22, 2020

0700 IMT Fire Ops Briefing (via zoom)

The fire has burned 192,775 acres and is 38% contained; there are 788 personnel assigned to the fire OPS

-The focus for Ops is to be productive before the weather incident

-Unmanned Aerial Surveillance (UAS) was able to fly yesterday

-North fire has spot fires that are being worked on

-West fire conducting mop-up (Mop-up The threat of wildfires does not cease after the flames have passed, as smoldering heavy fuels may continue to burn unnoticed for days after flaming. It is during this phase that either the burn area exterior or the complete burn area of a fire is cooled so as to not reignite another fire.)

-Southwest fire is where the Canadians are working, they are controlling the fire and mopping up; progressing well

-North Fork performing mop-up and making contact with residents; rumor was they were evacuating the area and this is not true - they were giving the public a heads-up about the dangers

-Radio repeater is back up and running

WEATHER

Today will bring quiet weather; cloudy with light winds 15-18 MPH; Wednesday early afternoon the winds pick up to 20-30 and by the evening there will be 30-40 MPH gusts with bouts of heavy rain.

FIRE BEHAVIOR

Fire has lost momentum but there are still isolated hot spots; it hasn't moved but the winds coming may change that. The winds make it difficult to detect hot spots (smouldering). Trees may come down with the winds we're going to get.

PLANNING

-Double checking work and progress made; looking for tree hazards. South fire generated several 9-1-1 calls due to concern

AIR

-Today will be the last good day to fly due to the winds coming

-Protecting the Weyerhaeuser property

SAFETY

-Have seen an uptick in allergies and insect bites

MEDICAL

-had 1 injury

-Keep in mind that with the winds medi-vac may not be able to fly folks out of the area - know where your medical stations are

-COVID screening is for everyone!

PIO

-Public meeting via Beachie Creek Facebook page at 1800 today (link in PIO POD)

HR

-Resources on scene for mental health care

Agency Administrator for OR Dept of Forestry

-Take advantage of the the good weather

0720 end of call

0900 Ops Brief:

(Will be 0930 in the future)

OPS

-Radio tower erected, temporary but functional. Communications working.

-Damage assesment is the next big priority. (PLEASE go through Marion Co EM ot directly to the state)

-Debris management plan being put together - more information tomorrow.

Fairgrounds

No hard closure at the fairgrounds but the Family Assistance Center may be moving closer to the canyon area.

About 118 animals on site.

No hard close date for the Fairgrounds evacuation site; Red Cross want to shut down the congregate sheltering portion because most persons are not fire victims.



Working to find solution/homes to surrendered animals, not a clear path on who assumes ownerships of them once surrendered.

Recovery Assistance Teams for Individuals likely to be present next week, working with affected persons in the canyon.

End 0935

1000 Beachie Creek Fire Cooperators Meeting:

- Fire continues to be monitored, no new significant growth.
- Emphasis on monitoring fire fingers on western side.
- Strong containment on northern and south western sides.
- East is largely uncontained but not expected to grow unless wind event is strong enough.
- Stump holes still burning between Gates, Mill City and Detroit.
- Lots of mop up operations currently.

Weather:

- Winds coming Wednesday morning with some light rain.
- Steady increase in wind speed across Wednesday, up to 45 mph gusts, S/SW.
- Wed/Thurs have some dangerous burn conditions.

South West IMT, Dan Pearson:

- Wind will come before rain.
- "Fire has lost momentum but will not be put out by these rains."
- Soils destabilized by wind moving dead/burning trees.
- Carefully look around properties when on the ground.

Air Quality:

- Moderate to good for rest of week
- Wednesday wind may bring up some smoke, then will clear out.

Sheriff:

- ODOT working to clear HWY 22 from both sides.
- Emphasis on making sure areas are safe before residents return.
- Tree's falling are largest concern for people in fire zones.

End 1040

1300 State ECC Call:

Weather:

- Rain in late morning tomorrow, moves east across cascades throughout the day.
- Rain continues into Thursday/Friday, cool showers expected.
- Gusty winds arrive with rain. 20-30 MPH in valley.

OR Dept. of Forestry:

Beachie Fire: (38% contained)

-9015 residences threatened; 131 structures threatened

-HWY 22 in process of being cleared and bridges assessed for damaged.

Marion County:

-Continuing to work on debris management planning, and county is awaiting the state's role in providing support.

-Fairgrounds is transitioning the Family Assistance Center closer to the impacted communities. Red Cross is still evaluating congregate and non-congregate sheltering.

-State fairgrounds still being used for displaced animals.

-EOC moving to 8-5 M-F, available by phone over weekend.

-Temporary communications tower erected at Hall's Ridge, serving MC Sheriff, Linn Co. -----Sheriff, METCOM 911 and partner agencies. Installation of radio equipment scheduled to be completed today.

End 1346

Red Cross distribution of safety/clean up kits:

WFK = Wild Fire Kit

CUK = Clean Up Kit

Daily DES Distribution record for DR 568-21									DATE: TUE 9/22
Date	Time	District	# trucks	County	Town	WFK	CUK	Zipcode	Location
9/22/2020	am	2	2	LINN	Mill City	X	xx	97360	TOWN
9/22/2020	am	2	2	Marion	Gates	X	xx	97364	town
9/22/2020	am	2	2	Marion	Mahama	X	xx	97384	town
9/22/2020	am	2		Marion	Silverton	x	xx	97381	at facility
9/22/2020	am	2	2	LINN	LYONS	X	XX	97358	TOWN
9/22/2020	am	1	1	Clackamas	Estacada		xx	97023	town
9/22/2020	am	1	1	Clackamas	Molalla		xx	97038	town
9/22/2020	am	4	1	Jackson	Pheonix	x	xx	97535	town
9/22/2020	am	4	1	Jackson	Ashland	x	xx	97520	town
9/22/2020	am	4	1	Jackson	Talent	x	xx	97540	town
9/22/2020	3pm	3	1	Lincoln	Lincoln City		xx	97367	POD/ counted
9/22/2020	10am	3	1	Douglas	Glide	x	xx	97443	POD



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