



# WOODWARD FIRE

Northern Rockies National Incident Management Team 2  
Incident Commander Doug Turman

## Fire Information

Area Burned: 3,072 acres

Containment: 10%

Total Personnel: 521

- Crews: 13
- Engines: 33
- Helicopters: 6
- Planes: 2
- Dozers: 5
- Masticators: 3

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Ground crews made good progress yesterday, as fire activity was relatively low to moderate due to the persistent humid marine layer that hung over most of the fire. Primary fire spread has been to the northeast, where firefighters completed burn out operations by drone and by hand. Air operations were grounded most of the day because fog and smoke hindered visibility.

Today, line crews will implement burn operations along 2.1 miles of Bear Valley Trail and 2.4 miles of Limantour Road, both being critical for buffering the communities in Silver Hills, Drakes Summit, Inverness Park and Olema. Firefighters will continue direct and

indirect fire line construction, as well as fire suppression operations on the north, east and west sides of the fire. Bulldozers completed a control line along the northwest margin and will construct new line from Horse Trail to Limantour Road. Crews will continue mop-up work on the southeast and northwest sides of the fire.

**Smoke:** Air quality is expected to remain poor. Smoke from fires in northern California are mixing with smoke from the Woodward Fire and covering much of the area. Conditions should improve late afternoon or evening, as smoke will start to clear out. In areas experiencing sustained dense smoke even healthy people may start feeling adverse effects. If possible, please limit outdoor activities.

## A FEW WORDS OF FIREFIGHTING LINGO

**Fuel:** Combustible material. Includes, vegetation, such as grass, leaves, ground litter, plants, shrubs and trees, that feed a fire.

**Burn Out:** Setting fire inside a control line to widen it or consume fuel between the edge of the fire and the control line.

**Contain a fire:** A fuel break around the fire has been completed. This break may include natural barriers or manually and/or mechanically constructed line.

**Mop-up:** To make a fire safe or reduce residual smoke after the fire has been controlled by extinguishing or removing burning material along or near the control line, felling snags, or moving logs so they won't roll downhill.

**Weather:** Daytime highs will be 65–75 degrees, with southwest to westerly winds 4–9 mph, with gusts up to 18 mph. The marine layer should deepen slightly and remain in place through the day along the coast, dissipating by late morning into early afternoon for the northeast portion of the fire. Maximum relative humidity is expected to be 90–100% in the morning, before dropping in some areas to around 55–65%. Overnight drying on the ridge tops will remain a possibility.

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