



WOODWARD FIRE

Northern Rockies National Incident Management Team 2
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Smoke: Heavy smoke in recent days is mostly due to burnout operations and a heavy marine layer that holds the smoke close to the ground and keeps it from rising and dissipating. Burnout operations are necessary to strengthen the containment lines, but we anticipate doing less of that type of work over the next several days. Varying degrees of smoke will continue, 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>

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Weather: A fairly constant marine layer is expected for the rest of the week. Relative humidity near the coast is expected to be between 75–90% and 50–65% inland. Winds will be southwest 4–9 mph with gusts up to 16 mph. Daytime temperatures are expected to range 58–64 degrees on the coast and 66–72 degrees inland.

Evacuations: Evacuation warnings and orders are still in effect. For the most up to date evacuations 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>.

Containment: While containment is increasing, that does not mean the interior of the fire is extinguished. Containment refers to the line around the fire. In order to be considered contained, firefighters need to feel very confident that fire will not cross that line. Reaching that level takes time and a lot of work, and has proven to be a challenge in the thick vegetation in Point Reyes National Seashore. Heavy fuels inside of the fire’s interior will hold heat and continue to burn for sometime. The marine layer makes it difficult for fuels to consume.

Closures: Point Reyes National Seashore remains closed to the public until further notice. Coastal roadways are restricted to local traffic to provide for the safety of firefighting resources and the public.

Daily Live Briefing: Watch our daily live briefing at 9:30 AM PDT. Join us on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83343861107>, watch live on Facebook and YouTube (links above) or Community Media Center of Marin (<https://cmcm.tv/watch>), or watch on your TV: tune in to Comcast Channel 27 or AT&T Channel 99. ASL and captioning available on all platforms, Spanish interpretation available on Zoom. English and Spanish recordings are posted to YouTube and Facebook each day.

Fire Information

- Origin: August 18, 2020
 Cause: lightning strike
 Location: 3 mi SW of Olema, CA
- Area Burned: 4,538 acres
 Containment: 41%
 Total Personnel: 508
- Crews: 11
 - Engines: 36
 - Helicopters: 5
 - Dozers: 1
 - Masticators: 1
 - Water Tenders: 5