



WOODWARD FIRE

Northern Rockies National Incident Management Team 2
Incident Commander Doug Turman

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Acres: 2,487 Acres
Containment: 5%
Total Personnel: 228
Origin: August 18, 2020
Cause: lightning strike
Location: 3 mi SW of Olema, CA

Today, the North Bay Incident Management Team (IMT) transitioned fire management activities to the Northern Rockies National IMT. The North Bay Team would like to thank the local communities, businesses and cooperating agencies for their support during this fire suppression effort. Because of an increase in personnel, plans are underway to relocate the incident command post to a new location.

The Woodward Fire in the Point Reyes National Seashore continues to burn east of the Santa Maria Ridge, where two bulldozers cleared a fire break along the ridge. Line crews continue to prep and clear small brush along Limantour Road to reduce fire behavior along northeastern fire boundary. Helicopters and ground crews have begun to set a direct fire line from Arch Rock on the coast inland along Bear Valley to secure the southeast boundary.

Limited visibility from heavy smoke has hindered aircraft retardant drops. Steep terrain and thick brush have allowed the fire to spread and hinders firefighter access. The fire behavior will remain active and may increase today and tomorrow due to forecasted high winds.

Full fire suppression operations continue to use direct and indirect tactics to slow fire growth and help protect neighboring communities and residents. Over 200 personnel have been brought in to fight the Woodward Fire, consisting of five crews, plus 17 engines, five helicopters and two water-scooping planes.

Weather: Partly cloudy with chance of showers and thunderstorms Sunday night and Monday. Red Flag Warning has been issued through Monday, 5p m PDT, due to the potential for dry lightning and gusty erratic winds. Areas of smoke will persist. For detail information about current air quality conditions, visit: <http://californiasmokeinfo.blogspot.com>.

Closures: Point Reyes National Seashore is closed to the public until further notice.

Evacuations: An evacuation warning continues to be in effect for residents west of Shoreline Highway (State Route 1) and Sir Francis Drake Blvd. to the Point Reyes Lighthouse. This includes the communities of Olema, Inverness, Inverness Park and Sea Haven.

Notifications: A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is in place over the Woodward Fire area, restricting access for all aircraft including drones. Anytime a drone flies over a wildfire all firefighting aircraft must be grounded, which can drastically inhibit critical fire suppression efforts.

Donations: We appreciate your support; however, due to COVID-19 we cannot accept personal donations at this time. To show support, firefighters enjoy seeing “thank you” signs posted throughout the community or consider giving to the Wildland Firefighter Foundation <https://wffoundation.org>.