



Woodward Fire Update

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Fire Update – September 13, 2020

The firefighters will be doing a one-acre burnout near the Point Reyes Bear Valley Visitor Center today around 10 am. You should expect to see a smoke column coming from that area. The precautionary burn out is to provide a defensible space for the center’s Morgan horses. The burn will be done at an early hour so that they can take advantage of the cooler, moister air.

The weather today calls for less smoke and a lighter marine layer. This in turn means the fog will be burned off early afternoon leaving sunshine and warmer temperatures.

The fire has gone into what they call the mop up stage. While firefighters are actively fighting fire when they find it, they are also checking a wide area along the perimeter. They are looking for hot spots and potential flare ups. Fire can burn inside a log for a long time before it breaks out. They are also looking for branches on trees that are partially or fully disconnected from the tree but have not yet fallen to the ground. These are called widow makers and can be very dangerous for someone walking under that tree. These widow makers are pulled down and taken care of. Firefighters are also looking for trees that are burned and could fall-down in a windstorm. These trees are called snags and are cut down and taken care of. The branches and the downed trees are put through a chipper to make them small pieces and put back in the forest. This puts nutrition back into the ground and helps with the healing process.

The Park wants to remind you that while this part of the Park is closed for the foreseeable future, there are areas of the Park that are open. Check out the Point Reyes National Seashore Facebook page for any park closure changes.

Please stay out of the fire area. Be vigilant while you are driving. Watch out for firefighter vehicles and equipment. Slow down, be patient and drive safely.

Quick Facts	
Incident Summary	
Fire Location	3 miles SW of Olema, California
Approximate Acreage	4,910 acres
Containment	95%
Reported Date (Cause)	August 18, 2020 (Lightning)
Incident Commander	Erik Newell - Nevada Interagency Type 3 Team 4
Total Resources	1 hand crews and 9 engines
Total Personnel	116
Cooperating Agencies	National Park Service
Number of Injuries/Illnesses	6 (minor)
Number of structures lost	0
Online Links	
InciWeb https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7062	
Facebook https://facebook.com/pointreyesnps	
Closures and Fire Restrictions Marin County Sheriff's Department 415-473-7250	