



Woodward Fire Update Information 415-851-9970

Fire Update – September 14, 2020

The firefighters did a burnout near the Point Reyes Bear Valley Visitor Center yesterday around 10 am. The acreage yesterday was a miss print and it was actually about 10 acres. The precautionary burn out was to provide a defensible space for the center's Morgan Horses. The burn went very well. This burn out is what caused the 10-acre increase in the approximate acreage and allowed us to add another 1% of containment.

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 atmospheric winds are also shifting, and it should start to clear out the smoke from the other fires. There will still be some smoke from this fire. The wind shift and the clearing will be gradual.

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. Firefighters are also looking for trees that are burned and could fall-down in a windstorm, these are called snags and can fall at any time.

It may look safe enough to just take a walk in the burned area but it is not. Please stay out until the Park reopens this part of the park.

There are areas of the Park that are open. Check out the Point Reyes National Seashore face-book 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	4,920 acres
Containment	96%
Reported Date (Cause)	August 18, 2020 (Lightning)
Incident Commander	Erik Newell - Nevada Interagency Type 3 Team 4
Total Resources	1 hand crews and 5 engines
Total Personnel	102
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.	