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8 BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

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10 In the Matter of Douglas Cole and Heidi Cole  
and Marble Mountain Ranch, Draft Order No.  
11 2017-00XX-DWR

12 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL TIME FOR  
DIRECT ORAL TESTIMONY WITH  
SHOWING OF GOOD CAUSE, REQUEST  
TO SUBMIT SUPPLEMENTAL WRITTEN  
TESTIMONY ON BEHALF OF STEVEN  
13 CRAMER, AND REQUEST TO SET STEVEN  
CRAMER'S ORAL TESTIMONY

14 Hearing Date: November 13, 2017  
15 Hearing Time: 10:00 a.m.

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18 **I. Introduction**

19 Douglas and Heidi Cole (the "Coles"), owners and operators of Marble Mountain Ranch  
20 ("Ranch") make the following three requests with regard to the Public Hearing in the matter of  
21 Douglas and Heidi Cole and Marble Mountain Ranch ("Public Hearing") scheduled for  
22 November 13, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in Rancho Cordova, California. The Coles respectfully request  
23 that (1) they be granted the additional time of one (1) hour for Mr. Cole's direct testimony and  
24 two (2) hours for all of their direct testimony; (2) they be allowed to submit supplemental written  
25 testimony on behalf of Steven Cramer based on his visit to the Ranch during the first week of  
26 October 2017; and (3) Steven Cramer's oral testimony be set for Monday, November 13, 2017, at  
27 1:00 pm.

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1 **II. Request for Additional Time for Direct Oral Testimony for Douglas Cole, Showing**  
2 **Good Cause to Support that Request**

3 The Notice of Public Hearing regarding Douglas and Heidi Cole and Marble Mountain  
4 Ranch issued on June 9, 2017 (“Notice”), indicates that witnesses “will be allowed up to (20)  
5 minutes to summarize or emphasize their written testimony on direct examination” and each  
6 “party will be allowed up to one (1) hour total to present all of its direct testimony.” (Notice, p.  
7 10.) However, the “hearing officer[] may, for good cause, approve a party’s request for additional  
8 time to present direct testimony during the party’s case-in-chief.” (Notice p.10, fn. 3.) The Coles  
9 hereby request the additional time of one (1) hour for Mr. Cole’s direct testimony based on the  
10 breadth of topics he will testify to and the length of the time period his direct testimony  
11 encompasses, and a total of two (2) hours for all of the direct testimony they plan to present.

12 Mr. Cole’s direct testimony encompasses his role in the 20-year history of stakeholder  
13 discussions regarding his diversion and the Stanshaw Creek system, his current and past  
14 management activities and maintenance of the diversion, and the financial impact of the  
15 requirements under the Draft Order on his small business and his ability to remain at his family  
16 home, the Ranch. In other matters the State Water Board may hear, each of these topics would be  
17 the direct testimony of three different witnesses. As a small business owner, Mr. Cole has served  
18 as his own representative in many of the discussions with stakeholders in the Stanshaw Creek  
19 system, he is responsible for all management and maintenance of his diversion, and he, with the  
20 assistance of Mrs. Cole, keeps all records for the Ranch. Thus, his direct and written testimony  
21 covers more than just the testimony of a single individual’s role. Instead, he fills the role of three  
22 people. Therefore, the Coles request that Mr. Cole’s direct testimony be allowed for up to one (1)  
23 hour to address all of his roles and responsibilities at the Ranch as related to his diversion and use  
24 of water at the Ranch.

25 The Coles also seek the additional time of two (2) hours for all of the direct testimony  
26 they plan to present. The Coles will present two additional witnesses for direct testimony at the  
27 public hearing: Steven Cramer and Jeff Meyer. These two witnesses will present technical  
28 information with regard to fishery resources and bypass flow requirements in Stanshaw Creek, as  
well as the Coles’ conveyance and use of water at the Ranch. These two witnesses’ direct

1 testimony in addition to Mr. Cole’s direct testimony will result in direct testimony that lasts  
2 longer than the one (1) hour of direct testimony allowed under the Notice. Therefore, the Coles  
3 request two (2) hours for all of the direct testimony they anticipate presenting at the Public  
4 Hearing.

5 **III. Request to Submit Supplemental Written Testimony on Behalf of Steven Cramer**

6 As discussed in the Coles’ request to postpone the Public Hearing on September 12,  
7 2017, that was denied, the Six Rivers National Forest, where the Ranch is located, has  
8 experienced another summer with many wildfire threats. Those wildfires have twice come close  
9 enough to the Ranch to require that all non-essential personnel evacuate the Ranch and delayed  
10 the Coles’ preparations for the Public Hearing. Information regarding the two most significant  
11 fire threats near the Ranch this summer, the Orleans Complex Fire and the Marble Fire, is  
12 available at: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5430/> and  
13 <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5395/>, respectively. Reports available at those links are  
14 attached hereto as Exhibit A.

15 The Coles have retained Steven Cramer to assist them in evaluating the National Marine  
16 Fishery Service’s (“NMFS”) recommended bypass flow for Stanshaw Creek. As part of Mr.  
17 Cramer’s evaluation of the NMFS recommendation, Mr. Cramer must conduct a site visit at the  
18 Ranch and inspect both the diversion and Stanshaw Creek. One of the delays from the fire threat  
19 at the Ranch is that Mr. Cramer has been unable to complete the required site visit and inspection  
20 of the Ranch to evaluate NMFS’ recommended bypass flow.

21 While the wildfires continue to burn in the Six Rivers National Forest, the largest threats  
22 to the Ranch from those wildfires has largely passed. Therefore, Mr. Cramer is now able to visit  
23 the Ranch and complete his inspections. He is currently scheduled to visit the Ranch during the  
24 first week of October 2017. Mr. Cramer’s written testimony submitted with this request to submit  
25 supplemental written testimony, is based on historical documents and modeling of Stanshaw  
26 Creek. Mr. Cramer’s supplemental written testimony will address the actual conditions at  
27 Stanshaw Creek. His supplemental written testimony will be one of the only testimonies  
28 presented as part of the Public Hearing with regard to the bypass flow recommendation based

1 upon the physical conditions at Stanshaw Creek, not based on modeling of Stanshaw Creek using  
2 nearby creeks in the larger Klamath Basin.

3 Thus, the Coles seek leave to supplement Mr. Cramer's written testimony with the  
4 additional information Mr. Cramer collects from his visit to the Ranch during the first week of  
5 October 2017. Based on Mr. Cramer's initial estimate of the time required to complete his  
6 supplemental written testimony following his inspection at the Ranch, the Coles will submit the  
7 supplemental written testimony no later than Tuesday, October 31, 2017.

8 **IV. Request to Set Steven Cramer's Direct Oral Testimony for Monday, November 13,**  
9 **2017, at 1:00 pm**

10 Lastly, the Coles request that Steven Cramer's oral testimony be set for Monday,  
11 November 13, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Cramer works and resides in Gresham, Oregon. Based on  
12 his current workload and personal commitments, he is unable to travel to and remain in the  
13 Sacramento, California area for an extended period of time. The Notice and subsequent Notice of  
14 Rescheduled Public Hearing issued on August 16, 2017, do not make clear when Mr. Cramer can  
15 anticipate that he will be called to testify. Therefore, the Coles request that Mr. Cramer's direct  
16 testimony be set for Monday, November 13, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. to allow Mr. Cramer to travel to  
17 the Sacramento, California area, testify at the Public Hearing, and return to Oregon in a single  
18 day.

19 Mr. Cramer's testimony is integral to the issue of NMFS' recommended bypass flow that  
20 includes the requirement to return hydroelectric return flow to Stanshaw Creek. His oral  
21 testimony will be based on his inspection and observations of Stanshaw Creek itself. Providing  
22 Mr. Cramer a firm date and time for his direct testimony will ensure that he is available to discuss  
23 his unique knowledge of the actual physical conditions at Stanshaw Creek, rather than limiting the  
24 Public Hearing to addressing NMFS bypass flow recommendation to testimony based on models  
25 of Stanshaw Creek.

26 **V. Conclusion**

27 For the reasons discussed above, the Coles seek: (1) additional time for Mr. Cole's direct  
28 oral testimony and additional time for all direct oral testimony; (2) to submit supplemental written

1 testimony for Steven Cramer based on Mr. Cramer's visit to and inspection of Stanshaw Creek  
2 and the Ranch; and (3) to set Steven Cramer's direct, oral testimony at the Public Hearing for  
3 Monday, November 13, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. The Coles make these requests to ensure that they will  
4 be able to present their case-in-chief and provide the most accurate and current information with  
5 regard to their diversion and beneficial use of water at the Ranch.

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7 Dated: October 5, 2017

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## **EXHIBIT A**



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# Fire Update



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## Marble Fire Update – July 21, 2017/Noon

**EUREKA, California, July 21, 2017** – The Marble Fire on the Orleans/Ukonom Ranger District has burned 280 acres as of early Friday morning according to Incident Commander Rick Young, more than doubling the acres reported yesterday. The fire is currently contained at 8%.

Assigned to this fire are:

Total Personnel	Crews	Engines	Dozers	Water Tenders	Helicopters
205	4	20	1	4	7

Cooperators include the National Park Service, Karuk Tribe, California Highway Patrol, and Siskiyou County Sheriff’s office.

Fire behavior was minimal last night due to high humidity and low temperatures. Fire crews worked overnight to complete fire suppression directly along the Patterson Road on the north side of the fire and along 13N32 Road on the south. They also worked on direct suppression across the northeastern fire perimeter (moving southeast) across Stanshaw Creek.

Today, crews will pick up attempts at direct suppression across the northeastern fire edge. They will also scout opportunities for contingency lines, should they become necessary. They will be brushing and opening roads within the fire area which were impacted by winter storms.

“Safety is first for all people assigned to the Marble Fire,” said Acting Forest Supervisor Michael Green. “Despite the challenging terrain, heavy fuels and underbrush, I expect everyone to do their jobs safely and all come home after every shift.”

Weather today is expected to be similar to yesterday, gusting up-canyon in the afternoon to approximately 15mph, and becoming down-canyon during the night. A warming, drying trend is predicted over the weekend with lower humidity recovery overnight. A chance of thunderstorms, with some potential for dry lightning, is predicted to increase into Sunday.

A voluntary evacuation advisory is still in effect for private structures near the fire area. The public is discouraged from being on Highway 96 in the fire area to allow for emergency vehicle travel.

The Six Rivers National Forest remains under fire restrictions. We encourage the responsible use of fire in all activities. To learn more about the restrictions, please visit <http://www.fs.usda.gov/srnf/>.

Fire information will be periodically updated on InciWeb at: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5395/>.

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**Newsrooms:** Incident Base Camp is located near the Orleans Ranger Station. News media desiring to film or photograph the fire, or have an interview should contact Public Information Officer Adrienne Freeman at 530-618-2020. The e-mail account is: [marblefiresrf@gmail.com](mailto:marblefiresrf@gmail.com)





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## Marble Fire Update – July 22, 2017/Noon

**EUREKA, California, July 22, 2017** – The Marble Fire on the Orleans/Ukonom Ranger District remains at 280 acres as of Saturday morning. The fire is currently 35% contained.

Assigned to this fire are:

Total Personnel	Crews	Engines	Dozers	Water Tenders	Helicopters
287	9	20	1	4	6

Cooperators include the National Park Service, Karuk Tribe, California Highway Patrol, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Siskiyou County Sheriff’s office.

Increased winds overnight caused visible flare-ups inside the fire, but it did not escape the existing perimeter. Last night crews checked the perimeter of the fire line, and where possible mopped up the hot spots near the line.

Firefighters will focus today on improving line and mopping up around the fire, extinguishing any remaining hot spots that could threaten the line along the road from Patterson Ranch road and 13N32 road near Bald Butte. They will also continue to scout contingency lines on the eastern side of the fire.

Weather today is predicted to be warmer and dryer, with temperatures possibly reaching triple digits. Lower humidity recoveries are expected as well. This warming and drying trend is expected to continue through the weekend, with a chance of thunderstorms forecasted for Sunday afternoon and evening and going through Tuesday.

Lightning (mostly dry) is predicted for all ranger districts on the forest. Because of this potential, we have requested an additional 5 engines and 3 crews which will be strategically distributed around the forest should we get new fire starts.

A voluntary evacuation advisory is still in effect for private structures near the fire area. The public is discouraged from being on Highway 96 in the fire area to allow for emergency vehicle travel.

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## Marble Fire Update – July 23, 2017/Noon

**EUREKA, California, July 23, 2017** – The Marble Fire on the Orleans/Ukonom Ranger District is mapped at 316 acres as of Saturday morning. The fire is currently 60% contained.

Assigned to this fire are:

Total Personnel	Crews	Engines	Dozers	Water Tenders	Helicopters
307	5	23	1	6	3

Cooperators include the National Park Service, Karuk Tribe, California Highway Patrol, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Siskiyou County Sheriff’s office.

Fire activity was minimal overnight and crews are continuing to mop-up and secure firelines.

Some heat remains near the edge of the fire south of the Stanshaw Creek drainage. Crews will work to secure this area today and patrol the fire perimeter. They will also begin to bring in excess equipment used during suppression. Residents can expect to see smoke as unburned islands of vegetation inside the fire continue to burn.

Winds from approaching thunderstorms may occur today and tomorrow, fire personnel will monitor the weather throughout the day and night. Triple-digit temperatures are also anticipated again today.

The forest is in the planning process to transfer command of the Marble Fire from NorCal Team 2 to a Type 3 incident command organization early in the week.

A voluntary evacuation advisory is still in effect for private structures near the fire.

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## Orleans Complex Update – August 28, 2017

Incident/Complex	Acres	Percent Contained	Personnel	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Structures Damaged	Closures
Orleans Complex	10,662	51	655	13	24	8	No	Yes

**EUREKA, California, August 28, 2017** – The Orleans Complex comprises nineteen fires, six of which remain active: Ukonom (4,128 acres, 52 percent contained); Haypress (4,847 acres, 0 percent contained); Burney (1,349 acres, 0 percent contained); Forks (243 acres, 0 percent contained); Frank (27 acres, 0 percent contained); and Hooligan (0.1 acres, 0 percent contained). They are being managed using a combination of containment and confinement strategies.

**Current Fire Situation:** Fire intensity was low again yesterday, with continued heavy smoke limiting fire activity despite warmer, drier conditions. Overnight, the Haypress Fire moved north into the Marble Mountain Wilderness near the Haypress Trailhead at Forest Road (FR) 15N17E, and crews plan to let it spread naturally toward the road. Firefighters prepared for tactical firing along the road, which they will do if conditions allow. Fire-weakened trees pose a threat to firefighters working along the road, and a falling crew will be cutting today to mitigate that hazard. On the southern end of the Haypress Fire, crews continued preparing FR 12N02 for firing operations while also monitoring the natural progression of the fire. The on Forest Road 12N48 historic cabins in the Wooley Creek area are prepared should the fire reach them, and a crew is still stationed in the area for structure defense, should it become necessary.

The Ukonom Fire was minimally active yesterday and overnight, with a small area of movement on the southeastern edge of the fire, west of Ukonom Creek. No movement has been detected outside containment lines on the western edge of the fire or across Ukonom or Lick Creeks. Infrared mapping overnight revealed very little heat remaining within the fire perimeter, but crews continue to patrol and mop up, watching carefully for hazards that could threaten containment. A very small amount of heat was also detected on the Burney Fire. The other fires in the complex have shown no activity in several days.

Firefighters have begun suppression repair of firelines throughout the area. Along with building waterbars and removing berms to prevent erosion during precipitation, crews are covering opened firelines with vegetation to prevent unwanted access and to restore habitat. Throughout the complex, crews are coordinating closely with local experts to prevent damage to natural and cultural resources.

**Weather:** Hot and dry conditions are expected to persist today, with high pressure aloft remaining in the fire area throughout the day. A trough moving into the area Tuesday and Wednesday may result in atmospheric instability and increased cloud cover, but no rainfall is in the forecast. Temperatures are

predicted to dip slightly early in the week, but could increase to well above normal as the week progresses.

**Air Quality:** Areas in the vicinity of the fires continue to be impacted heavily by smoke. As instability in the atmosphere increases, smoke will begin to mix and dissipate. Clearing smoke will also bring more sunlight into the area, which can increase fire activity-- resulting in more smoke. Areas closest to and adjacent to the fires will continue to see the worst air quality. Smoke will settle in valleys but is expected to dissipate in the afternoon into the evening. Happy Camp, Seiad Valley, the Scott Valley, Sawyers Bar, and Orleans can expect Unhealthy to Sensitive Groups to Hazardous Conditions. Air quality in Weed, Callahan, and Willow Creek will likely have Moderate to Unhealthy to Sensitive Groups levels. Drivers should be aware of limited visibility and changes in traffic flow. Information on the health effects of smoke and what you can do to reduce your smoke exposure can be found at [\[https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/wildfires/smoke.html\]](https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/wildfires/smoke.html).

**Safety:** Bow hunting season is open. Firefighters may be conducting suppression activities in hunting areas. Portions of the Six Rivers and Klamath National Forests are closed. Contact your local ranger station for current closure information. Motorists traveling on State Highway 96 are reminded that there will be numerous firefighting vehicles on the roadway. Please drive with caution.

**Closures:** The Klamath National Forest has issued Closure Order No. 17-05-801 to close trails, roads, and lands on the Ukonom Ranger District as a result of Orleans Complex fires:

Closure: <http://bit.ly/2xDQhof>  
Map: <http://bit.ly/2wfNCBD>

Closure Order No. 17-05-797 closes a portion of the Ukonom and Happy Camp Ranger Districts northeast of the Ukonom Fire

Closure: <http://bit.ly/2wAbXVt>  
Map: <http://bit.ly/2ggLi9N>

**Temporary Flight Restriction Area (TFR):** A TFR is in effect over the fire area to provide a safe environment for firefighting aviation operations (<http://bit.ly/2ws6uQq>).

**Fire Restrictions:** The Six Rivers National Forest remains under fire restrictions to provide for public and resource safety (<http://bit.ly/2wfQ7Ed>).

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Orleans Complex	10,356	51	683	14	25	8	7	No	Yes

**EUREKA, California, August 27, 2017** – The Orleans Complex is comprised of nineteen total fires. As of August 27, 2016, thirteen of these have been contained. Six remain active: Ukonom (4,120 acres, 52 percent contained); Haypress (4,555 acres, 0 percent contained); Burney (1,342 acres, 0 percent contained); Forks (243 acres, 0 percent contained); Frank (27 acres, 0 percent contained); and Hooligan (0.1 acres, 0 percent contained). They are being managed using a combination of containment and confinement strategies.

**Current Fire Situation:** The fires were relatively inactive yesterday as a heavy smoke inversion stayed over the area until late afternoon. On the Haypress Fire, crews began preparing for and initiating tactical firing operations late yesterday afternoon, hoping to take advantage of favorable nighttime conditions to carefully bring fire along Forest Road 15N17. However, humidity rose quickly, and firefighters were only able to make limited progress. Fire along Forest Road 12N08 continued to back slowly toward the road overnight. The cabins on the southeastern side of the Haypress Fire (along Wooley Creek) have had low-intensity fire around them and are faring well. Crews are remaining in place at the cabins to provide structure protection as needed. Some minimal growth on the north end was observed overnight as well. Crews will work today to look at opportunities for containment in the drainage north of, and along, Forest Road 12N02, as well as on the north end of the fire.

The Ukonom Fire also showed minimal growth yesterday, with the most activity observed again on the southeast corner where it bumps against Lick Creek. Containment objectives for the Ukonom Fire include keeping it east of Ukonom and Lick Creeks, and within current containment lines on the north and west sides. Firefighters will continue to mop up and patrol those areas today. They will also begin suppression repair, which can include covering lines opened during fire suppression, creating waterbars, and removing berms to prevent future erosion.

Throughout the fire area, crews are coordinating with local advisors to ensure that all operations are conducted in the best interest of the area’s cultural and natural resources, while providing for firefighter safety.

**Weather:** Hotter, drier temperatures are expected to persist today as a mid-level ridge strengthens today. The ridge is predicted to weaken early this week, causing slightly cooler temperatures, higher humidity, and scattered afternoon clouds.

**Air Quality:** Areas in the vicinity of the fires were impacted heavily by smoke yesterday, and can expect similar conditions today. Areas closest to and adjacent from the fires will continue to see the worst air quality. Smoke will settle in valleys but is expected to begin mixing out in the afternoon into the evening. Happy Camp, Seiad Valley, the Scott Valley, Yreka, Sawyers Bar, Orleans, Hoopa Valley, and Weitchpec can expect from Unhealthy to Sensitive Groups to Hazardous Conditions. Air quality in Weed, Callahan, and Willow Creek will likely have Good to Unhealthy to Sensitive Groups levels. Drivers should be aware of limited visibility and changes in traffic flow.

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**Burning Restrictions:** The Six Rivers National Forest remains under fire restrictions to provide for public and resource safety. Details about these restrictions can be found on the forest website at [https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/fseprd550653.pdf](https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd550653.pdf).

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## Orleans Complex Announcement

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### Orleans Complex Fire Update, August 29, 2017

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**Incident:** Orleans Complex Wildfire

**Released:** 8/29/2017

**ORLEANS, California, August 29, 2017** – The Orleans Complex is comprised of nineteen fires, three of which remain active. The Ukonom Fire is 4,176 acres and is 52 percent contained. The Haypress Fire is 5,387 acres and 0 percent contained. The Burney Fire is 1,360 acres and 0 percent contained. The complex is being managed using a combination of containment and confinement strategies.

**Current Fire Situation:** Fire activity increased on both the Ukonom and Haypress Fires late yesterday afternoon as the persistent heavy smoke inversion finally lifted.

In the Marble Mountain Wilderness, the Haypress Fire continues to grow northeast up Haypress Creek, across Halfmoon Creek, and toward Round Meadow. Some spotting was observed ahead of the main fire. Favorable conditions overnight allowed firefighters to conduct burning operations on the southwest side of the fire along Forest Road 12N48 south toward Forest Road 12N02. The goal is to tie the fireline into Forest Road 12N26 and to contain the west/southwestern edge of the fire along Forest Road 15N17. Firefighters observed primarily low intensity understory burning with only isolated tree torching. They will continue that operation into this morning for as long as weather conditions permit.

The Ukonom Fire showed little growth overall yesterday, and infrared mapping shows the only remaining heat near the southeast edge of the fire west of Lick and Ukonom Creeks. Some previously unburned islands of vegetation inside the fire perimeter ignited yesterday afternoon. Residents should expect to see smoke from interior burning that is expected to continue into the foreseeable future. However, no activity was observed outside the control area.

**Weather:** Temperatures are predicted to be slightly cooler today as a weak trough moves across the Pacific Northwest. Strong high pressure is expected to build over the area beginning Thursday, bringing very high temperatures and low relative humidity back into the area.

**Air quality:** Areas in the vicinity of the fires continue to be impacted by smoke. Smoke stays heavy during the days, and clears during the evening. Conditions generally stay clear through the night and into the morning. Similar conditions can be expected today. Air quality is worst during peaks in the afternoon for all areas. During the day, Happy Camp, Orleans, and Weitchpec will spend most of their time in Very Unhealthy and Hazardous conditions. Yreka, the Scott Valley, Weed, Etna, and Callahan will see Unhealthy and Very Unhealthy levels, and Hoopa and Willow Creek can expect Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups and Unhealthy air quality. Areas adjacent and close to the fires will continue to see the worst air quality. Drivers should be aware of limited visibility and changes in traffic flow. Information on the health effects of smoke and what you can do to reduce your smoke exposure can be found at [<https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/wildfires/smoke.html>].

**Safety:** Bow hunting season is open. Firefighters may be conducting suppression activities in hunting areas. Portions of the Six Rivers and Klamath National Forests are closed. Contact your local ranger station for current closure information. Motorists traveling on State Highway 96 are reminded that there will be numerous firefighting vehicles on the roadway. Please drive with caution.

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Map: <http://bit.ly/2ggLi9N>

**Temporary Flight Restriction Area (TFR):** A TFR is in effect over the fire area to provide a safe environment for firefighting aviation operations (<http://bit.ly/2ws6uQq>).

**Fire Restrictions:** The Six Rivers National Forest remains under fire restrictions to provide for public and resource safety (<http://bit.ly/2wfQ7Ed>).

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## Orleans Complex Announcement

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### Orleans Complex Fire Update, September 3, 2017

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**Incident:** Orleans Complex Wildfire

**Released:** 9/3/2017

**ORLEANS, California, September 3, 2017** – In late July, a series of thunderstorms passed through northern California igniting the 19 fires, three of which remain active. The Ukonom Fire is 4,227 acres; Haypress Fire is 11,318 acres; Burney Fire is 1,451 acres. The complex is being managed using a combination of containment and confinement strategies.

**Current Fire Situation:** Fire behavior has been moderated by a heavy smoke inversion that persisted yesterday and through the night.

An **advisory evacuation warning** will be issued today for residents east of Highway 96 from Burns Creek south to Somes Bar, and along the Salmon River Road from Somes Bar to Wooley Creek. Today, residents can expect to see local law enforcement and fire staff at their properties. At this time, the fire is not spreading quickly. This is an advisory evacuation warning. The evacuation warning was triggered by burning material rolling from the uphill side of Forest Road (FR) 3N11 and igniting unburned vegetation below. A northeast wind event is predicted for today, which could cause the fire to spread towards Highway 96. Please contact the Fire Information Line at 619-359-3415 or 530-572-1129 (new today) with questions or concerns.

Overnight, the smoke lifted periodically for firefighters to observe the fire moving west and south around Merrill Mountain. Crews worked to contain spot fires west of Irving Mountain. Road access to those spot fires is compromised by numerous snags. Crews will assess and remove snags today to keep the roads passable. More spot fires are likely in the area. Today, firefighters will work on preparing for structural protection in the evacuation warning area. This includes clearing brush, opening and improving previously built firelines, setting up sprinklers and hoselays, and installing temporary water tanks. Residents are encouraged to take any action that they can to improve their properties, as firefighting resources are extremely limited due to the large number of emergency incidents across the country. Fire Information Officers are available to answer any questions.

The Ukonom Fire continued minimal burning in timber stands north and east of Lick and Ukonom Creeks, but no significant growth was observed. The Burney Fire is in the wilderness with minimal activity.

**Weather:** Smokey, dry conditions are expected to persist through the day, with temperatures moderated if the smoke inversion stays in place. Typical weak northeast winds in the morning will shift to northwest in the afternoon. Tonight, into Monday morning, critical fire weather conditions are possible as gusty northeast to east winds develop and low relative humidity continues.

**Air quality:** No smoke report will be issued today due to a change in staffing. Daily reports will resume tomorrow.

**Safety:** Bow hunting season is open. Firefighters may be conducting suppression activities in hunting areas. Portions of the Six Rivers and Klamath National Forests are closed. Contact your local ranger station for current closure information. Motorists traveling on State Highway 96 are reminded that there will be numerous firefighting vehicles on the roadway. Please drive with caution. **Should the fire reach the road, drivers can expect periods of limited visibility and possible traffic controls, including controlled traffic and potential intermittent hard closures.**

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## Orleans Complex Announcement

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### Orleans Complex Fire Update, September 4, 2017

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**Incident:** Orleans Complex Wildfire

**Released:** 9/4/2017

In late July, a series of thunderstorms passed through northern California igniting 19 fires, three of which remain active. The Ukonom Fire is 4,227 acres; Haypress Fire is 11,591 acres; Burney Fire is 1,451 acres. The complex is being managed using a combination of containment and confinement strategies.

**Evacuations:** An **advisory evacuation warning** is in effect on the Orleans Complex east of Highway 96 from Burns Creek south to Somes Bar, and along the Salmon River Road to Wooley Creek.

**Current Fire Situation:** Predicted northeast winds picked up overnight, causing a moderate increase in fire behavior. Gusts to 25 mph were observed at the Ukonom Lookout.

The Haypress Fire spread predominantly to the west overnight. On the southwestern edge of the fire, crews observed three distinct areas where the fire is moving through heavy timber stands on Merrill Mountain and on the northeastern side of Merrill Creek. Fire behavior was moderate, with small groups of trees torching and causing short uphill runs. Little growth was observed after 2am, when the winds calmed and the heavy smoke inversion set in.

The fire also pushed north and west of Irving Mountain, and crews worked overnight to clear around the Stanshaw Creek Trailhead. Low intensity fire did move through the area, but no damage has been reported at this time. Crews continued to work around structures, primarily in the Marble Mountain Ranch and Patterson areas. The fire did not make a huge push, but is currently along the 13N11 road where it has crossed the road in several places.

Today, crews will focus in areas along Highway 96 and Salmon River road to reinforce protection for structures in the area.

No activity was observed on the Burney Fire, but the lack of infrared mapping is making fire observation difficult in remote areas.

**Weather:** A Red Flag Warning will remain in place until 9 am today for gusty winds and low relative humidity. Winds are expected to weaken this afternoon, and shift to the north across higher elevations. Weak up valley winds will persist at lower elevations. Subtropical moisture moving into California has already produced thunderstorms and lightning across the state. Thunderstorms, with accompanying gusty outflow winds and dry lightning, are predicted to arrive in the fire area this afternoon or evening.

**Air quality:** Limited smoke dispersion will persist for today and tomorrow for the Klamath and Salmon River drainages. Smoke is likely to continue to be in the hazardous category at Seiad Valley, Happy Camp, Orleans, Weitchpec, Hoopa and Sawyers Bars. Yreka, Weed, Fort Jones, Etna and Callahan are likely to experience some clearing compared to yesterday.

The **Salmon August Complex** has issued an additional evacuation order along the Salmon River Road from Nordheimer Flat east to Sawyer's Bar. Information about the Salmon August Complex can be found at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5501/>

**Safety:** Bow hunting season is open. Firefighters may be conducting suppression activities in hunting areas. Portions of the Six Rivers and Klamath National Forests are closed. Contact your local ranger station for current closure information. Motorists traveling on State Highway 96 are reminded that there will be numerous firefighting vehicles on the roadway. Please drive with caution. **Should the fire reach the road, drivers can expect periods of limited visibility and possible traffic controls, including controlled traffic and potential intermittent hard closures.**

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## Orleans Complex Announcement

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### Orleans Complex Fire Update, September 5, 2017

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**Incident:** Orleans Complex Wildfire

**Released:** 9/5/2017

**Evacuations:** Due to last night's fire activity, a **mandatory evacuation order** is being issued this morning for residents east of Highway 96 between Rogers Creek Road (FR 12N52) and Ti Creek. An **advisory evacuation warning** remains in effect for residents east of Highway 96 from Burns Creek south to Ti Creek, from Rogers Creek Road south to Somes Bar, and along the Salmon River Road to Wooley Creek. Residents can stay informed of changing conditions by calling the fire information number (530-572-1129) or by watching for updates at [http://www.facebook.com/SixRiversNF\\_or](http://www.facebook.com/SixRiversNF_or) <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5430/>

In late July, a series of thunderstorms passed through northern California igniting 19 fires, three of which remain active. The Ukonom Fire is 4,234 acres; Haypress Fire is 12,907 acres; Burney Fire is 1,451 acres. The complex is being managed using a combination of containment and confinement strategies.

**Current Fire Situation:** Gusty, localized winds beginning around 7pm caused a significant increase in fire behavior in several areas on the Haypress Fire. Most of the fires growth was to the northwest. Reported acreage is based on field estimates since infrared flight mapping cannot be conducted. As of this morning, no structures have been reported damaged or destroyed.

The fire made a significant push off of Merrill Mountain, with flame lengths around 100 feet observed early in the evening as the fire moved north, pushing spots over Forest Road (FR) 15N17. Crews conducted some careful back firing along FR 12N09 to lessen its strength. Their efforts were successful and by midnight fire activity had decreased in the area. The fire did not move west down Merrill Creek.

Overnight, significant growth also occurred down the Stanshaw Creek drainage. Fire established around Bald Butte with considerable spotting occurring ahead of the main fire. Because of the active fire behavior and numerous fire-weakened trees, crews were pulled out of the area. That area remains active this morning, although high humidity recovery is helping to mitigate the fire effects. Night shift crews focused on assessing the location of the spot fires.

Those two areas will remain the priority today. Crews will continue to prepare structures, working with landowners to clear brush, wrap houses, to set up water systems, and to scout opportunities for assessment along the fire's edge.

No significant activity was reported on the Ukonom Fire. No observation of the Burney Fire has been possible since the infrared plane has been unavailable.

**Weather:** Subtropical moisture moving into the area will result in partly cloudy skies and a possibility of thunderstorms Tuesday afternoon and evening. A chance of thunderstorms and lightning is expected to remain in the forecast through Friday, with the chance of precipitation increasing through through the week. Gusty winds associated with thunderstorms can cause erratic fire behavior and threaten firefighter safety.

**Air quality:** Limited smoke dispersion will persist for today for the area. Smoke is likely to continue to be in the hazardous category at Seiad Valley, Happy Camp, and Sawyers Bars. Yreka, Etna, Orleans, Weitchpec, Hoopa and Willow Creek are likely to be in the Very Unhealthy category today. Fort Jones, and Callahan are likely to be in the Unhealthy category for today.

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## Orleans Complex Announcement

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### Orleans Complex Fire Update, September 6, 2017

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**Incident:** Orleans Complex Wildfire

**Released:** 9/6/2017

In late July, a series of thunderstorms passed through northern California igniting 19 fires, three of which remain active. The Ukonom Fire is 4,234 acres; Somes Bar, and along the Salmon River Road to Wooley Creek. Residents can stay informed of changing conditions by calling the fire information number (530-572-1129) or by watching for updates at <http://www.facebook.com/SixRiversNF> or <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5430/>

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**Current Fire Situation:** Around 10 pm, clouds covered the area and winds settled down decreasing the fire's activity. The fire showed moderate activity overnight. As of this morning, no structures have been reported damaged or destroyed.

In the area north of Merrill Mountain, the fire backed and flanked across the slope. Burning material rolled off the hill side igniting vegetation, though little progression was observed into the Merrill Creek drainage.

The fire continued to back down slowly in the Stanshaw Creek drainage, with the most activity on the southern side of the creek. As of this morning, the fire is approximately ½ mile from the closest structures, which is very little change since yesterday.

No significant activity was reported on the Ukonom Fire. No observation of the Burney Fire has been possible since the infrared plane has been unavailable.

**Weather:** Increased atmospheric instability brings mostly cloudy skies and a chance of thunderstorms into the fire area today. Any thunderstorms that develop will be capable of producing brief, moderate rain, numerous lightning strikes, and gusty, erratic outflow winds. Cooler temperatures and higher relative humidity can be expected.

**Air quality:** Better smoke dispersion is expected for today compared to the previous few days. This will bring some relief especially to the Orleans, Weitchpec, Hoopa and Willow Creek area. However, Happy Camp, Seiad Valley, Sawyers Bar and Etna is forecast to be in Hazardous category today. Yreka, Fort Jones and Etna reached Hazardous level yesterday due to smoke coming from the west. With better dispersion, Fort Jones and Yreka is forecast to be in the Unhealthy category for today.

**Safety:** Bow hunting season is open. Firefighters may be conducting suppression activities in hunting areas. Portions of the Six Rivers and Klamath National Forests are closed. Contact your local ranger station for current closure information. Motorists traveling on State Highway 96 are reminded that there will be numerous firefighting vehicles on the roadway. Please drive with caution. **Should the fire reach the road, drivers can expect periods of limited visibility and possible traffic controls, including controlled traffic and potential intermittent hard closures.**

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## Orleans Complex Announcement

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### Orleans Complex Fire Update

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**Incident:** Orleans Complex Wildfire

**Released:** 9/25/2017

**ORLEANS, California, September 25, 2017** (<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5430/>). This is the 63rd day of the Orleans Complex fires.

**Current Fire Situation:** The Orleans Complex total acreage is unchanged at 27,276 acres. The Haypress Fire, the largest in the complex, is 91% complete. The other fires within the complex are 100% complete. As of Sunday evening September 24, 2017, fire suppression operations have been completed. Fire crews are focusing on suppression repair and backhauling equipment. Resources that are no longer needed are being demobilized from the incident.

**Safety:** Fire personnel would like to remind the public that hunting season has started. Contact your local ranger station for current hunting information. Motorists traveling on State Highway 96 are cautioned that there will still be numerous firefighting vehicles and heavy equipment on the roadway. Please drive with care.

**Weather:** Temperatures are expected to rise approximately 5 degrees per day and humidity will continue to drop into early next week. Winds are predicted to be terrain driven and light. No critical fire weather is expected.

**Closures:** Effective September 23, all forest closure orders around the Ukonom and Haypress Fires on the Orleans Complex of the Ukonom District are terminated. Firefighters and equipment are still working on mop up and repair operations in many areas.

**Fire Restrictions:** Effective immediately, fire restrictions on the Six Rivers National Forest are terminated. Remember to exercise campfire safety, "One Less Spark, One Less Wildfire."

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