

Fire Information Operations –

July 19, 2007

Attended in-briefing with Cascade Ranger District, Boise National Forest staff and line officers. Met with Carol McCoy Brown, District Ranger and Dave Olson, Boise National Forest, PAO regarding issues, standard operating procedures and communication priorities.

Key audiences identified were the Johnson Creek and Yellow Pine areas as well as the Warm Lake community. Cascade was also identified as important as a gateway to these other areas. County Commissioners and other political contacts will be made by Ranger McCoy Brown.

July 20, 2007

Met with the Ranger and District Staff regarding PIO training opportunities. Mary Naylor provided advice in establishing trapline routes for Cascade and Warm Lake. Acquired necessary maps, road closure and other information.

Provided Dave Olson with ftp site info, pictures and map information. Set up method for providing Boise Fire Info with map data to upload to inciweb. Initially Boise is going to do all releases as part of a large fire update and handle inciweb. To streamline operations and take some burden off the BOF Information Center, this was later changed and we began uploading directly to inciweb.

Completed evening fire update and posted to inciweb. Also uploaded photos, changed contact info and updated summary on inciweb

July 21, 2007

Held an informal public information meeting at the Silver Dollar Bar and Restaurant in Yellow Pine. IC Tom Suwyn was the main presenter, about 60 people attended. PIO Kirsten Cannon will imbedded in the community and will be the main source of information. The meeting went well and another was promised for the following Monday with Valley County Sheriff Patty Bohlen and District Ranger McCoy Brown attending. A list of topics was prepared for Ranger McCoy Brown.

Traplines to Cascade and Warm Lake were run. Inciweb was kept current.

July 22, 2007

Produced morning update and release regarding Stolle Meadows precautionary evacuation. Traplines were run.

Warm Lake community is interested in community meeting. North Shore Lodge would host and they would help to call community members. Set for July 24, 2007.

Day checked with FS LEO at Stolle closure and was told the Juniper Mtn. Outfitters had been contacted and they would be out tomorrow. Lisa Mahlcchek and Sarah came into ICP

to ask what was going on with evacuation. No one had contacted them. Visited Paul at Juniper Mtn. Outfitters to inform him that he, his staff and the horses can stay on a day to day basis. Day will check in with him twice daily to keep him updated per request of deputy IC.

Several members of the Team were present in Yellow Pine as the community dedicated a memorial to the four victims of the Krassel helicopter crash.

Fielded phone calls as Riordan Fire made an impressive afternoon run.

Created evening update, uploaded and emailed evening update to inciweb along with pictures

July 23, 2007

A follow up meeting was held in Yellow Pine at the Community Center, about 40 persons attended. Ranger McCoy Brown was the main presenter along with IC Suwyn, Sheriff Bohlen and the Valley County Emergency Services Director. It was a good meeting, pointed questions were asked and answered.

There was much discussion about evacuation, trigger points, etc. Attendees were reminded that fire protection of private property was in the end an individual matter but the agencies will do everything they can within the limits of the law to provide assistance. A better understanding was achieved in the end.

Concern about road closures, roadless areas, T&E species – many non-fire subjects were also addressed.

July 24, 2007

At the time this narrative was filed a final public information meeting at the North Shore Lodge on Warm Lake was held. Forty people attended. Topics included fire behavior, tactics, and available resources. A significant concern is with the economic impact of area and road closure. The audience was reminded that Stage 2 Fire Restrictions go into effect on Thursday.

There were concerns expressed with regard to on-going fuels reduction programs, e.g. slash not being disposed of. All in all the public was appreciative of the opportunity and would welcome continued contact with the district and the forest.

Commendations: All of the District and Forest staff were very good to work with. Mary Naylor was of great assistance.