



Forest Service News Release

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Malheur National Forest Fire Updates

JOHN DAY, PRAIRIE CITY, and HINES, OR – (Wednesday, August 3, 2022) There were no significant changes to the Beech Creek Fire overnight, with a slight increase in area burned - now up to 248 acres, as the fire continued to spread toward the north, south and west. Firefighters continue active suppression and work with local landowners and permittees to share information and address concerns. Highway 395 is open with a pilot car from milepost 103 to milepost 106.5, approximately three miles. Expects delays and heavy fire traffic. The fire is 15% contained.

The Pine Creek Fire remains at 1.1 acre and full suppression is ongoing. We are still expecting hold overs from lightning the last few days and will have our firefighters responding to those as well.

A Red Flag warning is in effect from 12 p.m. until 9 p.m. this evening. Conditions remain hot and dry. Abundant lightning with strong gusty, erratic winds is likely. Although some storms will bring heavy downpour, there is a potential for new fire starts resulting from lightning. Our crews will be searching for hold overs from previous strikes.



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