

Cedar Creek Fire

August 8, 2022

Daily Update – 8:00 AM



Acres: 3,234 | **Contained:** 0% | **Total personnel:** 236 | **Start Date:** August 1, 2022 | **Cause:** Lightning | **Location:** 15 miles E of Oakridge, OR | **Fuels:** Heavy mixed conifer, ponderosa pine, brush, and grass

There will be a virtual public meeting tonight at 7:30 p.m. on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/CedarCreekFire2022/>

Highlights: Yesterday, the fire was active on the northwest perimeter near Spirit Lake and on the southwestern flank. One scooper and four helicopters worked to moderate fire behavior, using Hills Creek Lake as a water source. Firefighters had planned to construct fireline closer to the fire's edge on the northern flank but with increased fire activity in the area, they returned to Forest Road (FR) 2417 and continued preparing the road as a future control feature. Fire also continued backing down toward Black Creek Road, which crews are still planning to use as a containment line for the southern flank of the fire.

Operations: Heavy equipment will begin arriving today and more are slated to join crews prepping FR 2417 and Black Creek Road (FR 2421) in the coming days. Masticators will be deployed to chip small diameter woody material along roadsides to make them a safer control feature for firefighters. Crews will continue to scout for containment opportunities north and west of the fire perimeter. Aircraft will be available to support containment efforts on the ground and moderate fire behavior.

Evacuations: Currently, there are no evacuations in place.

Weather: Conditions are expected to moderate today, with slightly cooler temperatures around 80 degrees and higher relative humidity between 20-30 percent. Winds are forecast out of the northwest 3 to 6 mph gusting to 13 mph in the afternoon. There will be a chance of showers and thunderstorms beginning today and lasting through Tuesday.

Closures: The entire Waldo Lake Wilderness area is closed due to the Cedar Creek Fire. This includes all trailheads and dispersed camping west and north of Waldo Lake. The lake itself remains open as well as campgrounds on the east side. A [Temporary Flight Restriction \(TFR\)](#) is in place in a ten-mile radius around the fire.

Restrictions: [Fire restrictions](#) are in place on the Willamette National Forest with the exception of the Three Sisters, Mt. Jefferson, Mt. Washington, Waldo Lake, and Diamond Peak Wilderness areas. All campfires, charcoal or briquette fires, pellet fires, or any other fires will be prohibited, except in designated campgrounds. Portable cooking stoves, lanterns and heaters using liquefied or bottled fuel are still allowed if they can be switched on and off. Motorized vehicles may operate only on designated trails and roads, including within the Huckleberry Flats and Santiam Pass OHV areas.

Smoke: Smoke Forecast Outlooks (in both English and Spanish) are available at <https://outlooks.wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlook>. Air quality in Oakridge, Oregon is expected to be good with the best time of day to recreate outdoors being late afternoon.

Fire Information: Office Hours: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM | **Phone:** 541-201-2335 | **Email:** 2022.cedarcreek@firenet.gov | **Online:** <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8307/> | <https://www.facebook.com/CedarCreekFire2022/> | <https://www.facebook.com/willamettenf> | <https://twitter.com/willametteNF> | **YouTube:** <https://tinyurl.com/99hdyvjin>