



## Forest Service News Release

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### Beech Creek Fire Update – August 8, 2022

**JOHN DAY, PRAIRIE CITY, and HINES, OR** – (Monday, August 8, 2022) Containment percentage continues to climb on the Beech Creek Fire, up to 69% and remaining within the same footprint at 155 acres. A heat advisory is in effect today with an increased potential for afternoon thunderstorms and strong outflow winds through Tuesday evening. Some of the resources assigned to the Beech Creek Fire will be made available locally to increase initial attack response in the event of new fire starts.

The fire continues to consume unburned fuels within established containment lines south of Hwy 395. Pockets of heat held in burning root systems and tree stumps can present a challenge to suppression efforts and slow containment progress. Firefighters are utilizing water tenders, engines, and extensive hose lays to target these areas within the fire interior.

With containment lines becoming more secure and fire behavior diminishing, the High Desert Type 3 Team will plan to transition the fire back to the local unit by end of shift Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. The Team will ensure the incoming incident commander has all the necessary resources to effectively continue suppression operations.

Those traveling along Hwy 395 between Long Creek and Mt. Vernon can expect some delays as fire personnel continue to work along the roadway. Flaggers and a pilot car are leading traffic through the fire area. Smoke may be visible from the road. For updated information on delays or road closures prior to traveling in the area please visit: <https://www.tripcheck.com>.

The public are encouraged to be aware of the elevated fire danger on the Malheur National Forest. Current fire conditions and public use restrictions can be found on the Forest webpage: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/malheur>.

For additional fire information, please visit:

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