

Northwest Incident Management Team 6

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Windigo-Potter-Big Swamp-Shelter Fires Update – August 08, 2022

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Potter Fire (& Shelter) InciWeb: https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8291/

Windigo Fire (& Big Swamp) InciWeb: https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8292/

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Windigo-Fire-and-Potter-Fire-Information-109233838550715

Yesterday, lines held against higher temperatures and changing winds. Progress was made on all fires and the Windigo Fire is now 25% contained. A Red Flag Warning for lightning and gusty winds will be in effect starting today and continue until tomorrow evening, testing fire lines again. A Red Flag Warning is defined by a combination of critical fire conditions such as warmer temperatures, very low humidities, and stronger winds—which produce an increased risk of fire danger. A small amount of precipitation is expected overnight through Tuesday morning.

Crews on the Windigo Fire were able to lay hoses around the entire western half and are more than 60% around the eastern side. Today, mop-up will continue around the entire perimeter. Firefighters on the Potter Fire will continue to develop and strengthen primary, alternate, and contingency lines. If favorable weather conditions are present later in the week, crews will be able to use more direct strategies.

The Big Swamp Fire is now being measured at 102 acres after an overnight infrared flight. Yesterday, crews fought spot fires while dozers improved lines. Today, firefighters will continue to strengthen lines and add hoses. There may be opportunities to go direct on the eastern portion using Forest Road 2153.

The Shelter Fire, Fire 210, and Fire 212 are all contained. Crews will continue to patrol these incidents.

Resources on the fires include 674 total personnel comprised of 16 handcrews, 33 engines, heavy equipment, eight Type 1 Helicopters, and one Type 3 Helicopter. Two fixed-wing scoopers are available out of Eugene.

High temperatures will reach 84-89 degrees. Wind direction will change midday and flow from the west with speeds between 5-8 mph and gusts of up to 15 mph on ridge tops and valleys. Fire spotting distances may be up to $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ mile with an 80-85% chance of ignition on the dry fuels. Visit AirNow.gov for smoke information.

Windigo Fire

Acreage: Approx. 1,053 acres

Containment: 25%

Location: 20 miles southwest of La Pine, OR

Cause: Lightning

Potter Fire

Acreage: Approx. 234 acres

Containment: 0%

Location: 8 miles northeast of Toketee Lake

Cause: Lightning

Closures: For firefighter and public safety follow the Windigo and Potter Closure Orders.

- Pacific Crest Trail visit https://www.pcta.org/discover-the-trail/closures/oregon/ for more information.
- Forest Service Road (FSR) 60 from the junction with FSR 6020 on the Deschutes National Forest to FSR 2612 on the Umpqua National Forest
- Forest Service Road (FSR) 2610 from Lemolo Dam to Calapooya Mountain