

Cedar Creek Fire

August 9, 2022

Daily Update – 8:00 AM



Acres: 3,536 | **Contained:** 0% | **Total personnel:** 445 | **Start Date:** August 1, 2022 | **Cause:** Lightning | **Location:** 15 miles E of Oakridge, OR | **Fuels:** Heavy mixed conifer, ponderosa pine, brush, and grass

Highlights: Although overall fire behavior was moderate with slightly cooler temperatures and higher relative humidity yesterday, the fire was more active on the southeastern perimeter near Koch Mountain Ridge and the northwest flanks near Spirit Lake. Additional crews arriving to the incident worked alongside heavy equipment and continued work to remove thick vegetation along Black Creek Road (Forest Road 2421) to prepare it as a containment line for the southern fire's edge.

Operations: Today, the Pike Interagency Hotshot Crew and the Devils Staircase Wildland Fire Module will be scouting for containment opportunities in the Waldo Lake Wilderness. Fire growth has been minimal on the eastern flank of the fire due to more wet soil conditions and a change in fuel type from dense timber to more sparse conifer forests and meadows. Crews and heavy equipment will continue to prepare Black Creek Road, as well as Forest Road 2417 north of the fire area. While a strong east wind event is not in the long-range forecast, firefighters are aware of the potential for it to happen in this area and are preparing contingency firelines as a precaution. Crews are also beginning construction of a shaded fuel break, selectively removing vegetation along roadsides west of the fire area from Forest Road 19 down to Highway 58.

Evacuations: Currently, there are no evacuations in place.

Weather: Temperatures are expected to be slightly cooler today in the upper 70s to low 80s, with partly cloudy skies and relative humidity values in the upper 20s and lower 30s. There is a **Red Flag Warning** for scattered thunderstorms and lightning from 2:00 p.m. today through 6:00 a.m. Wednesday with gusty terrain driven winds predicted across the fire area.

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, campgrounds and trails (including the PCT) on the east side remain open. 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/99hdyvjn>