

Cedar Creek Fire

August 10, 2022
Daily Update – 8:00 AM



Acres: 3,772 | **Contained:** 0% | **Total personnel:** 520 | **Start Date:** August 1, 2022 | **Cause:** Lightning | **Location:** 15 miles E of Oakridge, OR | **Fuels:** Heavy mixed conifer, ponderosa pine, brush, and grass

Highlights: Thunderstorms passed over the fire area yesterday and crews assigned to the Cedar Creek Fire were able to assist in providing a quick response to five new lightning caused fires east of the main fire. The Union Interagency Hotshot Crew (IHC) had been engaged in scouting for opportunities to construct fireline from East Black Creek Road (Forest Road 2421) through the Waldo Lake Wilderness to tie into the lake before they were diverted to a new fire. The Devils Staircase Wildland Fire Module that had been working north of the fire area near the lake were able to quickly respond to a new lightning start in that area. Keeping these new fire starts small is a priority for the Willamette National Forest. Most firefighters assigned to the incident were able to remain engaged in preparing roads as containment features.

Operations: Operations to prepare Black Creek Road as a containment line will continue today. Crews are clearing small diameter woody material on the north side of the road in anticipation of an eventual burnout operation that will contain the southern fire perimeter. Graders and tenders are also widening the road to assist crews that will eventually be tasked with holding and securing the fire perimeter. Firefighters are also continuing to prepare Forest Road 2417 as a potential containment line on the northern fire perimeter. Firefighters will also remain vigilant and respond to any new fire starts around the Cedar Creek Fire that may “hold over” or retain heat and ignite several days later. These “hold over” fires can ignite up to two weeks after the initial lightning strike.

Evacuations: Currently, there are no evacuations in place.

Weather: Cooler temperatures will return to the area with high temperatures in the mid-70s and relative humidity values from 30-40 percent. Winds are predicted to be generally southeast in the morning shifting to northwest 4 to 8 mph, gusting to 15 mph in the afternoon.

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 around the fire area.

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>