



Forest Service News Release

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Crockets Knob Fire Update – August 24, 2022

Location: 19 miles north of Prairie City, Oregon

Start Date: August 22, 2022

Cause: Lightning

Current Size: Approximately 150 acres

Containment: 0%

Current Situation: The Crockets Knob Fire was reported the morning of August 22 after significant lightning occurred across the Malheur National Forest. The fire is actively burning in all directions and is predominately moving to the west through grass, shrubs, and timber in the 1996 Summit Fire scar. Due to the steep and rugged terrain, access to the fire is limited. Fire crews are evaluating options for containment lines and continue to prepare the 45 Road and 537 Road. There are currently 140 personnel working on the incident including fire engines, hand crews, heavy equipment, helicopters, and Single Engine Air Tankers. Falling teams have been ordered to assist in mitigating hazard trees in the area. There are no structures immediately threatened.

Evacuations: There are no evacuations in place.

Closures: A fire area closure is expected today, August 24, 2022. Please visit the Fire Information links listed below for current closure information.

Smoke: Smoke may be visible to nearby communities and Forest visitors. Smoke and air quality impacts within the state can be monitored by visiting: <http://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com>.

Public Safety: Please be aware of the closure area noted above. There will be increased fire traffic on in the fire area; please be extra cautious while driving in the vicinity. The public are encouraged to be aware of the HIGH 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>.

Fire Information:

Inciweb: <https://inciweb.nwccg.gov/incident/8355/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MalheurNationalForest>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MalheurNF>

Crocketts Knob Fire Public Information Map



Crocketts Knob
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