

Cedar Creek Fire

August 20, 2022

Daily Update – 10:00 AM



Cedar Creek Fire Quick Facts

Size: 6,528 acres

Contained: 0%

Start Date: August 1, 2022

Location: 15 miles E of
Oakridge, OR

Cause: Lightning

Total personnel: 863

Resources: 17 engines

20 crews

40 heavy equipment

7 helicopters

Current Situation: Helicopters dropped water Friday to slow the spread of the eastern edge of the fire. Weather conditions also improved which assisted firefighters who are conducting a “burnout” operation above Black Creek Road (FR 2421). The 2421 Road has been prepared as a fireline and once the firefighters bring fire down to the road it will provide an “anchor point” for continuing strategic burning operations to reinforce the line. Night shift crews patrolled the area overnight to ensure the fire stays north of the road. Huckleberry Flats OHV Area will remain open through the weekend but will close on Monday. Please watch for fire traffic if entering that area.

Today’s Activities: Pacific Northwest Team 3 is now managing the Slapjack Fire, which is burning south of Hills Creek Reservoir. Slapjack is about 3.5 acres and the resources being used to contain it consist of hand crews, helicopters, and other specialized personnel and equipment. On the Cedar Creek Fire crews will use a drone and helicopters to continue bringing low-intensity fire closer to FR 2421, as conditions allow. Heavy helicopters are available to cool hotspots and slow the fires’ spread. Crews are working to prep a shaded fuel break east of Oakridge as a contingency line to protect Oakridge if wind pushes the fire west.

Evacuations: None.

Weather: Conditions are expected to be warmer and drier than yesterday, especially at elevations above four thousand feet. Cloud cover is expected to burn off by the afternoon, allowing aviation resources to assist firefighting efforts. Light westerly winds are anticipated to continue with stronger winds along the ridgelines.

Closures: An [Area Closure](#) is in place for 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.

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 are available at <https://outlooks.wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlook>.

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