

Crockets Knob Fire Update

NORTHWEST INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM 12

Incident Commanders: Jeff Dimke and Bobby Shindelar

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Weather: Temperatures are expected to be cooler today, and winds will be calmer. Temperatures will be in the low-80s this afternoon with wind gusts up to 20 mph. Conditions will still be dry with relative humidity in the teens.

Operations: Yesterday the fire perimeter was tested by high winds, and firefighters kept the fire within established containment lines. The fire received some rainfall yesterday afternoon, which helped with mop up efforts. Spots west of the FSR 45 were completely mopped up and will continue to be monitored to ensure they remain secure. Mop up along the FSR 45 and FSR 537 continued, and improvements along the contingency line north of FSR 45 and FSR 537 were nearly completed. Today, heavy equipment should complete the contingency line up to the Sharp Ridge / Indian Rock Trailhead. On the northeastern and eastern flanks, containment lines are in place around the burned pockets of subalpine fir, and today crews will continue mopping up any remnant heat they find. Yesterday crews monitored and patrolled the southern edge of the fire, which will continue today. Crews will be removing excess hoses and equipment from secured containment lines on the western, southern and eastern edges of the fire. All containment lines will continue to be monitored and patrolled. Crews received minimal support from helicopters yesterday due to high winds and thunderstorms. With favorable weather, helicopters are expected to resume support of firefighting efforts along the northeastern flank.

Closures and Evacuations: Grant County has issued a Level One evacuation advisory in the area of the fire. Level One means be ready and aware of fire conditions. You can view a map of the evacuation zone on the [Grant County Emergency Management Facebook page](#). A closure is in effect on the Malheur and Umatilla National Forests today. For complete closure information, please go to: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/malheur/notices/?cid=STELPRD3845529>

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>



Quick Facts:

SIZE: 4,326 Acres

CONTAINMENT: 35%

CAUSE: Lightning

PERSONNEL: 640

**LOCATION: 19 miles north of
Prairie City**

FIRE INFORMATION:

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FACEBOOK:

<https://www.facebook.com/CrocketsKnobFire>

INCIWEB:

<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8355/>

TEMPORARY FLIGHT RESTRICTION

There is a Temporary Flight Restriction over the Crockets Knob Fire area. Wildfires are a No Drone Zone - if you fly, we can't.

