

Crocketts Knob Fire Update

NORTHWEST INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM 12

Incident Commander: Bobby Shindelar

September 10, 2022

Today is Northwest Incident Management Team 12's last day on the Crocketts Knob Fire.

Management of remaining firefighting resources will transition to the High Desert Type 3 Incident Management Team tonight. Northwest IMT 12 would like to thank the Prairie City School District for hosting our team and the local community for your support and hospitality!

Weather: East winds will be gusty in the morning but will become calmer by the afternoon. Temperatures will be slightly warmer today with highs in the low-80s. Conditions will still be dry with relative humidity dropping into the low teens.

Operations: Yesterday fire activity was minimal, allowing firefighters the opportunity to mop up remaining heat along containment lines. Crews also continued pulling hoses and excess equipment from containment lines. Chipping and cleanup were ongoing along FSR 45 yesterday and will continue today. Resource advisors are assessing the impacts of the fire suppression activities. They are determining what repair work may be required to protect natural and cultural resources and minimize the potential for future erosion. Helicopters assisted local small fires yesterday and will be available to assist the Crocketts Knob Fire and initial attack fires today as needed.

Closures and Evacuations: Grant County has lifted the Level One evacuation advisory in the area of the fire, and County Road 20 (Middle Fork Road) has been fully reopened.

Today the closure area remains in effect on the Malheur and Umatilla National Forests. Sunday the Forests will be decreasing the closure area. 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://oregonssmoke.blogspot.com>

The Malheur National Forest's Public Use Restriction is Phase C on the Blue Mountain and Prairie City Ranger Districts. No campfires or personal chainsaw use is allowed. The Umatilla National Forest remains in at Phase B, which allows campfires only in designated campgrounds and recreation sites. For more information, please go to: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/malheur/fire>, and <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/umatilla/alerts-notices>.

Fire Danger remains High for the surrounding area. The vegetation is still very dry, and one spark or ember could start a significant fire. The public can help us by making good decisions when they recreate on public lands and by following local fire restrictions.



Quick Facts:

SIZE: 4,331 Acres

CONTAINMENT: 60%

CAUSE: Lightning

PERSONNEL: 448

LOCATION: 19 miles north of Prairie City

FIRE INFORMATION:

541-625-0892

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FACEBOOK:

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

INCIWEB:

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

TEMPORARY FLIGHT RESTRICTION

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

