

Crockets Knob Fire Update

HIGH DESERT TYPE 3 TEAM

Incident Commander: Ron Simpson

September 11, 2022

High Desert Type 3 Incident Management Team took command of the Crockets Knob Fire today.

Weather: Today will be slightly warmer with calm terrain driven winds. Temperatures will reach the low-80s and relative humidity will drop into the upper teens. Moisture will steadily increase today with expected cloud cover by this evening.

Operations: Yesterday crews continued pulling hoses and excess equipment from containment lines. Much of the chipping and cleanup was completed along FSR 45 yesterday, and some work will continue today along other containment lines. Crews are checking containment lines for any remnant heat and mopping up using hand tools. Crews continue with suppression repairs along FSR 45 and other containment lines. Helicopters are available to assist firefighters if 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 National Forests' closure area will decrease in size. The Forest areas west of FSR 45 will once again be open to the public. 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>

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: 4,337 Acres

CONTAINMENT: 70%

CAUSE: Lightning

PERSONNEL: 410

**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.

