

Crockets Knob Fire Update

HIGH DESERT TYPE 3 TEAM

Incident Commander: Ron Simpson

September 12, 2022

Weather: Today will be another dry day with relative humidity dropping into the 20s. Widespread smoke will persist in the area due to all fires Oregon and surrounding states. Temperatures will reach the low-80s today and winds should be calm. There is a slight chance of thunderstorms this afternoon.

Operations: Yesterday crews were chipping and cleaning up along the FSR 45 and other containment lines. Chipping will continue today along FSR 45 north of Indian Rock Lookout. Crews have been successful mopping up remaining heat along containment lines; thus, the percent containment has increased over the past several days. Some small interior pockets of unburned vegetation could potentially flare up but should not threaten containment lines. Crews conducted suppression repairs on FSR 4555 and on contingency lines near Myrtle Butte and south of Indian Rock Lookout yesterday. Suppression repairs will continue today along several containment lines. Indian Rock Lookout is back now fully staffed.

Closures and Evacuations: There are no county evacuation alerts, and County Road 20 (Middle Fork Road) is open to all motorists.

The Malheur and Umatilla National Forests' fire area closure remains in effect for areas east of FSR 45. 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 Extreme 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: 75%

CAUSE: Lightning

PERSONNEL: 273

**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.

