

# Crockets Knob Fire Update

## HIGH DESERT TYPE 3 TEAM

**Incident Commander: Ron Simpson**

**September 14, 2022**

**Thursday will be the High Desert Type 3 Team's last day managing the Crockets Knob Fire.** Management of remaining firefighting resources will transition to the local Malheur National Forest fire management.

**Due to decreased fire activity, this will be the last daily update. If conditions change, information will be shared via the Crockets Knob Fire's Facebook and Inciweb.**

**Weather:** Today will be dry with light winds. Temperatures will be in the low-70s, and the minimal relative humidity will be near 25 percent. Widespread smoke haze will be visible throughout the area.

**Operations:** Yesterday two excavators began conducting suppression repairs on the fire. One excavator worked along FSR 4555 and the other along interior containment lines near Indian Rock Lookout. The excavators were scattering fuels and constructing water bars. Crews continued to patrol containment lines all around the fire looking for any remaining heat. For the foreseeable future, firefighters will continue focusing on suppression repairs, monitoring and patrol along containment lines.

**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. However, the Forests' will likely reduce the closure area within the next day or two. To stay informed about closure information, please continue checking:

<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 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 public can help us by making good decisions when they recreate on public lands and by following local fire restrictions.



### Quick Facts:

**SIZE: 4,287 Acres\***

**CONTAINMENT: 80%**

**CAUSE: Lightning**

**PERSONNEL: 155**

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

### FIRE INFORMATION:

**541-625-0892**

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### FACEBOOK:

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

### INCIWEB:

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

\* Acres reduced due to more accurate mapping.