



Golden Fire Morning Update- July 25, 2023

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Mop-up will be the focus today along with securing existing lines

BONZANZA, Ore. – Crews continued to make progress on the fire through the night, holding it within the original footprint by monitoring and extinguishing spot fires, expanding mop up areas, mitigating snags, and completing tactical patrols. Yesterday, preliminary structural assessments were completed. Today, crews will focus on expanding mop up areas around structures and continuing damage assessments. Wildland resources will work to hold and improve lines, monitor, and extinguish spot fires, and mitigate snags. Crews will also be coordinating with utility resources as they work to repair damaged infrastructure.

The Golden Fire is managed under unified command between Oregon State Fire Marshal and Oregon Department of Forestry.

There will be a community meeting tonight at 7:00 p.m. at Bonanza School, 31601 Mission Street Bonanza, OR 97623. Additional updates can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/goldenfire2023/>.

Weather: Today’s weather will generate potential for active fire behavior, with moderate winds and high temperatures continuing. Wind and low relative humidity will produce critical fire weather over the fire area. Weather conditions will persist for the next several days.

Evacuations: A portion of the level 3 (GO) area was reduced to level 2 (READY). The downgraded area follows west of Bechdolt Flat Road, south of Raccoon Lane and Jaguar Lane.

American Red Cross and Klamath County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) have established an evacuation shelter at: Bonanza School, 31601 Mission Street, Bonanza, OR 97623. For the latest evacuation information call the Klamath County hotline (541) 205-9730. To sign up for Klamath County alerts, visit <http://alerts.klamathcounty.org>.

Oregon Department of Forestry IMT 2, Oregon State Fire Marshals, Blue Team

Matt Howard, ODF Incident Commander

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Size:	2,052 acres
Containment:	9%
Start Date:	July 22, 2023 1:02 p.m.
Expected Containment Date:	August 7, 2023
Location:	North of Bonanza, Oregon
Cause:	Unknown
Est. Cost:	\$2,937,000.00
Personnel:	440
Resources:	7 hand crews 45 Engines 4 Dozers 16 Water Tenders
Aircraft:	12 helicopters
Evacuations:	Level 3 (GO NOW)- All residence east of Highway 140 between Polar Bear Lane and Jaguar Lane. Level 2 (SET)- Both sides of Highway 140 and Bly Mountain Cutoff Road, south of Ground Hog Lane to Keno Springs. Level 1 (READY)- All residences west of 140 from Kodiak Lane to Goldfinch Drive.
Structures Threatened:	317
Structures Damaged:	0
Structures Destroyed:	43
Closures:	There are currently no road closures. The public is urged to stay out of the fire area for public safety as well as fire-fighter safety.