



## Golden Fire Morning Update: Sunday, July 30, 2023

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### Firefighters push containment to 48% and look to demobilize Tuesday morning.

Bonanza, Ore – Mop up operations continue as firefighters push to 48% containment. Crews continue to build containment and focus on hotspots within the interior.

“Yesterday’s Red Flag warning conditions tested our lines and gave us the confidence that we’re in position to hand this fire back to the district,” said Incident Commander Matt Howard. “Our Incident Management Team will demobilize at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, and we’re freeing up resources to fight active fires and increase readiness across the state.”

Tonight marks the final nightshift operation for the fire. Nightshift crews will focus on patrolling the fireline. Elsewhere, firefighters are starting to remove fire hose around portions of the fire and beginning to repair dozer lines to prepare for winter rain and seasonal drainage.

With wind speeds reducing, the area is no longer in Red Flag warning, but the area is still dry and hot.

“There’s still a lot of fire potential out there, and fuels are very receptive to fire,” said Operations Section Chief Marc DesJardin. “As hot weather conditions persist, we’re urging residents to be mindful of their mid-day activities and follow fire precautions. We need everyone’s help to keep fires off the landscape to protect lives and our natural resources.”

Oregon Department of Forestry IMT 2  
Matt Howard, Incident Commander

<b>Size:</b>	2,137 acres
<b>Containment:</b>	48%
<b>Start Date:</b>	July 22, 2023 1:02 p.m.
<b>Expected Containment Date:</b>	August 7, 2023
<b>Location:</b>	North of Bonanza, Oregon
<b>Cause:</b>	Under investigation
<b>Est. Cost:</b>	\$7,400,000.00
<b>Personnel:</b>	491
<b>Resources:</b>	15 hand crews 19 Engines 2 Dozers 8 Water Tenders
<b>Aircraft:</b>	2
<b>Evacuations:</b>	Level 2 (SET) • all areas inside the fire perimeter.
<b>Structures Threatened:</b>	266*
<b>Primary Structures Destroyed:</b>	48
<b>Primary Structures Damaged:</b>	3
<b>Outbuildings Destroyed:</b>	69
<b>Outbuildings Damaged:</b>	4
<b>Closures:</b>	Currently none.

\*Prior reports listed 208 structures. They should have reflected 266.





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Additional updates can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/goldenfire2023/>.

**Weather:** Although Red Flag conditions have subsided, today's weather will still generate potential for active fire behavior. Wind and lower relative humidity (RH) will produce critical fire weather over the fire area. Local indices remain near extreme. Thunderstorms are expected in the forecast for Wednesday through Friday.

### Evacuations downgraded as of Thursday, July 27 at 11:00 a.m.:

Level 2 (BE READY)- all areas inside the fire perimeter.

For the most current evacuation information, call the Klamath County hotline at 541-205-9730, and sign up for Klamath County alerts at <http://alerts.klamathcounty.org>. The American Red Cross is handing out cleaning kits to those affected by the fire. They are located at Living Springs Church, 31601 Mission Street, Bonanza, Oregon 97623.

### Recovery Contact Information

Information for services and resources for those impacted by the community with unmet needs, residential cleanup guidance, disaster social services and donations are available here: <https://tinyurl.com/bddatnxv>.

