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<b>Start date: July 22, 2023</b>	<b>Location: Fall Creek, Middle Fork Ranger District</b>	<b>Cause: Under investigation</b>
<b>Fire size: 6,161 acres</b>	<b>Air assets assigned: 8</b>	<b>Total personnel: 205</b>

### Bedrock Fire update for Wednesday, July 26, 2023

**Lowell, Ore.** – The Bedrock Fire continues to burn actively in the Fall Creek drainage. Most fire spread has been to the east and north, but a flare-up along the southwest edge of the fire created a small plume of smoke Tuesday afternoon.

Smoky conditions restricted the use of aircraft early Tuesday. When conditions allowed, helicopters resumed bucket work on the Bedrock Fire. In addition, two CL-415 Superscooper airplanes assigned to the fire collected water out of Lookout Point Lake. More aircraft have been ordered to assist with fire suppression.

Fire personnel are working to establish fire lines along ridgelines between Little Cowhorn Mountain and Fawn Peak. In other areas, they are evaluating previous fire lines from past fires to see if any are suitable to reuse for Bedrock Fire.

Fire Behavior Analyst Dean Warner noted that the fire has been burning more actively than normal for late July. “Fuels are abnormally dry for this time of the season due to drought. Drier fuels take less energy to ignite, and burn more rapidly and intensely than wetter fuels.”

For the safety of firefighting personnel, please avoid areas near the fire and stay out of all closed areas. A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) has been issued for the Bedrock Fire area. Unmanned aerial systems (AES or drones) are not permitted within the TFR.

**WEATHER:** Wednesday’s temperatures are expected to be in the 80s, with relative humidity dropping to 30 percent. Weather conditions the rest of the week should be similar, with no chance of rain.

**SAFETY:** Members of the public are encouraged to know the Ready, Set, Go levels and make appropriate preparations. READY your belongings; SET your things at the door or prepack them in your car; GO and leave immediately.

**SMOKE:** Smoke from the Bedrock Fire is spreading into central Oregon, causing some areas to experience “unhealthy” and possibly “hazardous” conditions. Individuals with respiratory issues may find themselves affected by the smoke. Smoke levels can change rapidly depending on weather.

<b>Public information:</b> Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/people/Bedrock-Fire-2023/100094730126683/">https://www.facebook.com/people/Bedrock-Fire-2023/100094730126683/</a>  E-mail: <a href="mailto:2023.bedrock@firenet.gov">2023.bedrock@firenet.gov</a> Phone: 541-414-6272, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.	<b>Inciweb:</b> <a href="https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/orwif-bedrock-fire">https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/orwif-bedrock-fire</a>  <b>Oregon Smoke Blog:</b> <a href="http://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com/p/air-quality-now.html">http://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com/p/air-quality-now.html</a>
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