

Bedrock and Salmon Fires

August 13, 2023

Daily Fire Update



Bedrock Fire Quick Facts

Size: 16,396 acres
Containment: 20%
Total personnel: 1009

Origin: Willamette National Forest
Cause: Under Investigation
Start Date: July 22, 2023

Resources: 44 engines;
24 crews; *9 helicopters;
12 dozers, 30 water tenders

Salmon Fire Quick Facts

Size: 135 acres
Containment: 60%
Total personnel: 96

Origin: Willamette National Forest
Cause: Under Investigation
Start Date: August 6, 2023

Resources: 3 engines;
3 crews; 1 water tender;
*aircraft shared

Bedrock Fire: Yesterday afternoon multiple spot fires across primary containment lines grew together along the 1817 road in the northwestern portion of the fire. Heavy helicopters used water bucket drops to slow fire spread, and firefighters today will be focused on securing this area of new fire growth. There was active fire behavior last night and a small “slopover” occurred on the western fire edge where fire crossed over containment lines; night crews quickly secured this area to prevent further fire spread. Firefighters on the northwestern and northeastern fire perimeters are continuing to deepen and strengthen fire control lines through tactical firing operations, followed by securing and holding the burned areas. These firing operations combined with lingering burning well inside the fire’s interior may produce heavy smoke at times today. Fire crews on the southern and southeastern portions of the fire are continuing to mop up and secure around the fire.

Salmon Fire: Firefighters are continuing to mop up around the fire perimeter. Fire crews are utilizing heavy equipment to build shaded fuel breaks by removing understory and ladder fuels along roads near the fire.

Evacuations: The Lane County Sheriff’s Office issued a Level 1 “Be Ready” evacuation notice Monday for areas north and east of Oakridge because of the Salmon Fire. Follow all evacuation notices and orders. A searchable evacuation map with fire perimeters for both fires is available at [Lane County’s website](#). This map has a ruler tool so the distance from the fires to various towns can be measured.

Smoke: Areas north and east of the fire are forecasted to have good air quality today. Eugene is expected to have moderate smoke. McKenzie and Oakridge are predicted to experience Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (USG) to unhealthy air quality conditions.

Weather: A Red Flag Warning remains in effect today through early Monday evening for gusty winds and low relative humidity, critical fire weather conditions that can contribute to extreme fire behavior. There is also a Heat Advisory from 11 AM this morning through 10 PM Thursday. Temperatures will be 94-98 degrees at lower elevation and 83-88 degrees on the ridges. Winds will begin this morning 3-6 mph, increasing to 13 mph this afternoon with gusts to 20 mph on ridgetops.

Safety and Closures: The Willamette National Forest implemented the Bedrock Fire Emergency Area Closure on July 24 to ensure the safety of the public and personnel working on the fire. An emergency closure order for the Salmon Fire area is in place as of August 8. The closure maps for the Bedrock and Salmon Fires are available on InciWeb. There are [Temporary Flight Restrictions](#) over the Bedrock and Salmon Fire areas. Residential electrical outages can be reported to Lane Electric at 541-484-1151.

Inciweb Salmon: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/orwif-salmon-fire>

Inciweb Bedrock: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/orwif-bedrock-fire>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BedrockFire2023/>

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