

# Bedrock and Salmon Fires

August 15, 2023

Daily Fire Update



## Bedrock Fire Quick Facts

**Size:** 25,780 acres  
**Containment:** 20%  
**Total personnel:** 1071

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

**Resources:** 59 engines;  
26 crews; \*9 helicopters;  
11 dozers, 34 water tenders

## Salmon Fire Quick Facts

**Size:** 135 acres  
**Containment:** 80%  
**Total personnel:** 47

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

**Resources:** 3 engines;  
1 crew; 1 water tender;  
\*aircraft shared

**Bedrock Fire:** Smoke shaded the Bedrock Fire yesterday, lowering temperatures slightly and moderating fire behavior. The smoke over the fire also prevented helicopters from safely flying. Yesterday wildland firefighters and structural fire engine crews from the Oregon State Fire Marshal began preparation work around residences in Big Fall Creek. This work continues today as fire crews build dozer line around structures, install networks of fire hoses, pumps, and sprinkler systems, and remove brush close to homes.

Firefighters have successfully held containment lines on the northern and eastern portions of the fire for several days and are working to secure and deepen these firelines. Fire crews are continuing to mop up and secure fire control lines on the southern fire edge. The Lakeview Hotshot crew used an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) yesterday for aerial firing operations, adding depth to containment lines with a precision burnout operation in the rugged terrain on the northeastern portion of the fire.

**Salmon Fire:** There is currently minimal fire behavior. Firefighters are continuing to mop up, patrol, and monitor around the fire perimeter.

**Evacuations:** The Lane County Sheriff's Office currently has Level 2 and 3 "Go now!" evacuation notices in place for areas west of the fire near Fall Creek Lake. The level 1 evacuation around the Salmon Fire remains in place. A searchable evacuation map with fire perimeters is on the [Lane County website](#).

**Smoke:** The daily [West-Central Oregon Smoke Outlook](#) provides a detailed air quality forecast for the Bedrock and Salmon Fires, as well as other nearby fires.

**Weather:** The Red Flag Warning was extended and now remains in effect through 11 PM tonight for dry and unstable air, critical fire weather conditions that can contribute to extreme fire behavior. The Heat Advisory continues this week through 10 PM Thursday. Temperatures today are forecasted to be 96-100 degrees at lower elevation and 83-89 degrees on the ridges. Winds will begin this morning 3-6 mph, increasing to 8-10 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.nwcf.gov/incident-information/orwif-bedrock-fire>

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

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