

Bedrock and Salmon Fires

August 16, 2023

Daily Fire Update



Bedrock Fire Quick Facts

Size: 26,154 acres
Containment: 20%
Total personnel: 1090

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

Resources: 66 engines;
26 crews; *9 helicopters;
13 dozers, 34 water tenders

Salmon Fire Quick Facts

Size: 135 acres
Containment: 95%
Total personnel: 37

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

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

Community Meeting: There will be a community meeting about the Bedrock and Salmon Fires Thursday, August 17 at 7:30 PM with fire managers and agency representatives. This meeting will be in person at the Pleasant Hill School Community Center.

Bedrock Fire: Firefighters are constructing fire control lines along the western edge of the fire, clearing and improving roads and building dozer line. Yesterday, heavy helicopters flew water buckets to cool the fire while firefighters on the ground continued preparations to defend homes in Big Fall Creek. Firefighters are continuing to hold the fire within established containment lines on the northern, eastern, and southern portions of the fire. Firefighters are patrolling around the fire perimeter, mopping up, securing, and adding depth to control lines.

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

Evacuations: Level 1, 2, and 3 evacuations remain in place on the Bedrock and Salmon Fires. A searchable evacuation map with fire perimeters is on the [Lane County website](#). There is an evacuation center for people and small pets at the Lowell High School for evacuees from the Bedrock and Lookout Fires. A large animal shelter is being set up at the Lane County Fairgrounds in Eugene.

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 Heat Advisory continues this week through 10 PM Thursday. Temperatures today are forecasted to be 95-100 degrees at lower elevation and 80-86 degrees on the ridges. Winds will begin this morning 3-6 mph, increasing to 8-10 mph this afternoon with gusts to 15 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 is a [Temporary Flight Restriction](#) over the Bedrock Fire area. 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/>

Fire Information: (541) 414-6272, 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM Email: 2023.bedrock@firenet.gov