

Bedrock Fire

August 26, 2023

Daily Fire Update



Bedrock Fire Quick Facts

Size: 31,570 acres

Containment: 50%

Total personnel: 746

Origin: Willamette National Forest

Cause: Under Investigation

Start Date: July 22, 2023

Resources: 46 engines;

12 crews; 11 helicopters;

9 dozers, 30 water tenders

Bedrock Fire: Firefighters, engines and helicopters assigned to the Bedrock Fire assisted with initial attack on new fires around the region yesterday. This was possible because fire activity on the Bedrock was light and containment lines continued to hold. “We’re glad we were able to help our neighbors and help keep these new fires small,” said Chris Hutsell, one of the incident commanders. With two large fires already burning on the Willamette National Forest, fire personnel and equipment are in limited supply. “It’s to everyone’s advantage to nip new fire starts in the bud,” Hutsell added. While helicopters did not fly over the Bedrock Fire Friday, hundreds of firefighters continue to work, both day and night, to complete containment lines. They have also started the large task of hauling in hose, pumps and other equipment that is no longer needed, and repairing damage done to the land during the firefighting efforts of the last month.

The Incident Management Team on the Bedrock Fire, Pacific Northwest Team 2 (PNW2), will take over management of the Lookout Fire today at 6:00 p.m from Northwest Team 6. This will allow Northwest Team 6 to get some time off and be ready for another fire assignment, if needed. PNW2 will continue to manage the Bedrock Fire and will manage the new, 25-acre Horse Creek Fire, starting later today.

Evacuations: Level 2 evacuation notifications remain in place for portions of Lane County because of these multiple fires. A searchable evacuation map with fire perimeters is available through the county’s website: (<https://bit.ly/44rF8Gd>) [Bedrock Fire Evacuation Areas](#).

Smoke: The daily [West-Central Oregon Smoke Outlook](#) provides a detailed air quality forecast for the Bedrock Fire, as well as other nearby fires. The [Fire and Smoke Map](#) (fire.airnow.gov) is another source for air quality information.

Weather: A temperature inversion is expected to lift around noon today, giving way to sunny skies and warm temperatures. Fuels remain very dry and humidity levels at higher elevations may drop to critically low levels. The potential for rapid fire growth still exists, with a warm and dry pattern through the weekend.

Safety and Closures: The Willamette National Forest implemented an Emergency Area Closure to ensure the safety of the public and personnel working on the fire. The closure maps for the Bedrock Fire are available on InciWeb. A [Temporary Flight Restriction](#) remains in place over the Bedrock Fire area.

InciWeb Bedrock: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/orwif-bedrock-fire>

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

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