Bedrock Fire

August 27, 2023 Daily Fire Update

Bedrock Fire Quick Facts

Size: 31,579 acres Containment: 57% Total personnel: 734 Origin: Willamette National Forest Cause: Under Investigation Start Date: July 22, 2023 **Resources:** 39 engines; 13 crews; 11 helicopters; 8 dozers, 30 water tenders

Firefighters, aircrews and helicopters, and heavy equipment from the Bedrock Fire will be heavily engaged with new fires in the area today, including the Horse Creek and Pothole incidents. Other personnel are being shifted to the more active Lookout Fire. At the same time, hundreds of personnel are still working to finalize containment on the Bedrock Fire. Pacific Northwest Team 2 (PNW2) is now managing all four fires. "While our main focus has to shift to Lookout and the two new fires, we know we also have to finish the job on Bedrock," said Jason Loomis, PNW2 Incident Commander. Because of the progress that has been made, firefighters will begin removing structure protection equipment currently in place in the Big Fall Creek community. Last night was also the final night shift on the Bedrock Fire and those firefighters are being moved to the Lookout Fire. All containment lines have been holding and firefighters continue to patrol the perimeter, taking any actions necessary to keep the perimeter secure.

Evacuations: PNW2 is working with the Lane County Sheriff to adjust evacuation levels, as necessary, to address changing conditions for both the new, and the older, fires in this area. An up-to-date and searchable evacuation map is available through the county's website: <u>Bedrock Fire Evacuation Areas</u> (https://bit.ly/44rF8Gd). Residents can also call the county at 541-682-2055 for additional information.

Smoke: A changing weather pattern is expected to help push smoke out of the area starting tomorrow. The daily <u>West-Central Oregon Smoke Outlook</u> provides a detailed air quality forecast for the Bedrock Fire, as well as other nearby fires. The <u>Fire and Smoke Map</u> (fire.airnow.gov) is another source for air quality information.

Weather: Hot and dry again today with a temperature inversion trapping smoke in the area until afternoon. Smoke should clear after the inversion breaks and the winds shift to blowing out of the west and southwest.

Safety and Closures: The Willamette National Forest has implemented emergency closures to ensure the safety of the public and personnel working on multiple fires in this area. The closure maps for the Bedrock and Lookout Fires are available on InciWeb and the "alerts and notices" page of the Willamette National Forest website. <u>Temporary Flight Restrictions</u> remain in place over the Bedrock and Lookout fire areas.

InciWeb Bedrock: <u>https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/orwif-bedrock-fire</u> Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/BedrockFire2023/</u> Fire Information: (541) 414-6272, 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM Email: <u>2023.bedrock@firenet.gov</u>

