





Tyee Ridge Complex Daily Update

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Focus Shifts from Suppression to Mop Up

UMPQUA, Ore.—Crews this morning took a moment of silence in remembrance of September 11, 2001, the deadliest terrorist attack on American soil. Firefighters and emergency services are a community that sacrifice for their roles, and 22 years ago today, many paid the ultimate price for their service.

"Two things come to mind fighting fires," said Dave Brown, Operations Planning Section Chief trainee. "The glory of honor and achievement in protecting lives and property, and pride in a job well done. There's been great progress in building containment lines, let's not get complacent and stay diligent in getting this fire under control."

Weather and fire behavior over the next few days will give crews a chance to strengthen containment lines and mop up perimeters. Higher temperatures and lower relative humidity are anticipated later this week, which will test those lines.

Focus on the fire is transitioning from suppression efforts to mop up. Crews continue mopping up 200 feet into burnt areas around the fire perimeter and up to 300 feet into burnt areas around structures. These distances are subject to terrain, fuel types, fuel conditions, and predicted weather. Handheld and drone infrared cameras verify mop-up operations to ensure no hot spots remain near structures or along control lines. Night infrared missions on the Cougar Creek fire are being used to prioritize day-shift operations.

Good progress was made Sunday on hazard tree removal—standing dead trees that pose hazards to firefighters—increasing safety conditions for firefighting personnel. Safety is the top priority and risks continue to be reviewed and mitigated.

Hubbard Creek Road is open to local residents and fire vehicles only. Be mindful of suppression activities and fire vehicle traffic. Local residents may experience traffic delays.

Size: 7,922 acres

Containment: 48%

Location: Douglas County, OR

August 24, 2023

Start Date: 9:12 p.m.

Cause: Lightning

Personnel: 1,214

Air Resources: Helicopters—8

Evacuations: Level 2 (Be Set), and Level 1

(Be Ready) evacuations are

in place.

www.dcso.com/evacuations.

Closures: Hubbard Creek Road at

Millwood Drive. Please avoid

this area.

Roseburg BLM has issued

road and public land

closures.

Structures

Threatened: 129

Structures

0

Destroyed:
Air Quality:

Expected air quality is mostly

good. Smoke outlook is

available online.

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