## Brice Creek, Dinner, and Grizzly Fires NW IMT12 Branch I September 11, 2023 Daily Fire Update



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**Total personnel:** 301 | **Total Resources:** 7 engines; 7 crews; 1 helicopter; 6 heavy equipment; 2 water tenders

On September 12, NW IMT12 will be transitioning command of the Umpqua Fires to Type 2 NW IMT 6.

Brice Creek Fire: Size: 583 acres | Start Date: August 24, 2023 | Cause: Lightning | Containment: 45%

The Brice Fire has shown little growth over the last week, and containment percentage is going up. Yesterday, crews made progress in opening up Forest Service Road (FSR) 709 gaining direct access to the south and west perimeter of the fire. West of FSR 709, firefighters fired off some small interior pockets of unburned fuel to secure firelines. Today's actions will consist of patrolling the perimeter of the fire, seeking out and extinguishing any remaining hot spots or other threats to the containment lines.

Dinner Fire: Size: 304 acres | Start Date: August 24, 2023 | Cause: Lightning | Containment: 95%

The Dinner Fire is close to being fully contained. Yesterday fire personnel worked on fire suppression repairs on the handline on the south flank of the fire, installing water bars. Water bars are short trenches dug in the dirt that divert rainfall from the burn scar and reduce erosion and minimize sediment entering area streams and waterways. Fire crews will extinguish remaining hotspots and patrol the fire perimeter today, along with further line repairs.

## Grizzly Fire: Size: 110 acres | Start Date: August 24, 2023 | Cause: Lightning | Containment: 0%

Yesterday, an Unmanned Aerial System (UAS/drone) flew the Grizzly Fire. The purpose of this mission was to establish the true fire perimeter using infra-red sensing equipment. This UAS will be available for future use on the area fires and can assist firefighters in many ways such as mapping, aerial photography, and firing operations. Today crews will be engaged in point protection, utilizing helicopters for water drops as needed, and completing any remaining road improvements. Resources remain available to provide structure protection if the need arises.

**Weather:** Temperatures will range from 65-75° with minimum relative humidity in the range of 35-50%. Valley and ridge top winds will be out of the west-northwest 3-6 mph, with gusts 15-20 mph.

**Evacuations:** Lane County issued a <u>Level 2 Evacuation</u> (Be Set) for all private lands and mining claims in the Bohemia areas within the Cottage Grove Ranger District of the Umpqua National Forest.

**Safety and Closures:** There is a <u>forest closure</u> for portions of the Umpqua National Forest in response to fire activity in the area to protect public and wildland firefighter safety. There is a <u>Temporary Flight</u> <u>Restriction</u> over the fire area.

Brice Creek Fire Inciweb: <u>https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/orupf-brice-creek-fire</u> Dinner Fire Inciweb: <u>https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/orupf-dinner-fire</u> Grizzly Fire Inciweb: <u>https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/orupf-grizzly-fire</u> Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/bricecreekdinnergrizzlyfires2023/</u> Fire Information: (541) 900-5862, 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM Email: 2023.dinner@firenet.gov