



## Lookout, Bedrock, Petes Lake, Horse Creek, and Pothole Fires

Thursday, September 21, 2023 - Morning Update

### Current Status:

**Lookout Fire:** Size: 25,659 acres | Start Date: August 5 | Cause: Lightning | Containment: 50%

**Bedrock Fire:** Size: 31,590 acres | Start Date: July 22 | Cause: under investigation | Containment: 98%

**Petes Lake Fire:** Size: 3,144 acres | Start Date: August 25 | Cause: Lightning | Containment: 0%

**Horse Creek Fire:** Size: 763 acres | Start Date: August 24 | Cause: Lightning | Containment: 100%

**Pothole Fire:** Size: 109 acres | Start Date: August 25 | Cause: Lightning | Containment: 100%

**Total Personnel:** 897

**Total Assigned Resources:** 37 engines | 23 crews | 7 dozers | 31 water tenders | 16 masticators | 7 helicopters

**Suppression:** During a large fire suppression effort, it is common to have firefighters working both day and night to take suppression actions in order to protect lives and property. With the increased relative humidity, precipitation, and lower temperatures – along with the direct and indirect suppression activities that have occurred over the life of these fires – Wednesday night was the last operational shift for our night shift resources. Many of those resources will continue to work on suppression repair efforts across all of the fires during the day shift.

The only remaining areas where firefighters are engaged in suppression activities are along the north side of the **Lookout Fire**, southeast of Carpenter Mountain and the eastern edge of the **Petes Lake Fire**, on the west side of the Cascade Lakes Highway. The **Horse Creek Fire** and the **Pothole Fire** are in patrol status where firefighters monitor the containment lines to ensure they continue to hold the fire within its final footprint.

**Suppression Repair:** All of the firefighting resources not engaged in suppression actions are actively working on suppression repair efforts on the Lookout Fire, **Bedrock Fire**, Horse Creek Fire, and Petes Lake Fire. In addition to being 100 percent contained, all of the suppression repair efforts have been completed on the **Pothole Fire**. Due to the large size of the Lookout Fire and the Bedrock Fire in particular, suppression repair efforts are expected to continue for the weeks ahead. These activities are initiated as soon as it is safe to do so – often even when firefighters are still suppressing the fire. Firefighters continue to work closely with the Resource Advisors to mitigate the damage to natural and cultural resources caused by the emergency suppression efforts. Some of the continued activities being completed include stabilizing soils along dozer and handlines constructed as control features to limit fire growth, ensuring culverts and ditches are cleared for the coming rains, and removing woody debris accumulated on the forest floor as it was removed to starve the fire of available fuel.

**Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation (BAER):** A completed assessment of the Bedrock Fire is expected to be released today. One of the products developed by the BAER team is a soil burn severity map which takes into account not only the effects of the Bedrock Fire on the soil conditions, but the cumulative effects of multiple fire scars within the Bedrock Fire footprint. The BAER assessment report will help guide long-term recovery efforts, in addition to the emergency rehabilitation efforts that will begin in the short-term. The BAER team will begin their assessment of the Lookout Fire, Horse Creek Fire, and Pothole Fire next week.

**Weather:** Overnight lows ranged from the middle 30s to low 40s. There is a 30 percent chance of rain again on Thursday; most likely occurring near the Petes Lake Fire. Temperatures are expected to be about 5 degrees warmer than Wednesday before dropping later in the week. There is a stronger chance of wetting rain towards the end of the week and beyond. The cooler weather and precipitation have decreased fire behavior, with little to no growth expected on any of the fires.

**Linn County Evacuations:** Visit the [Linn County Wildfire](#) map for current evacuation information.

**Lane County Evacuations:** Visit the [Lane County Lookout Fire Evacuation Areas](#) map for current evacuation information.

**Deschutes County Evacuations:** Visit the [Deschutes County Emergency Information](#) map for current evacuations information.

**Forest Closures:** Emergency closure orders remain in place for the [Willamette National Forest](#) and the [Deschutes National Forest](#). For information on Oregon hunting regulations and these forest closures, contact [Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife](#) at (503) 947-6000.

**Restrictions:** Fire Restrictions are in place on the [Willamette National Forest](#) and [Deschutes National Forest](#). [Temporary Flight Restrictions](#) remain in place over the Bedrock and Lookout Fire areas.

**Smoke Outlook:** A [smoke outlook for West-Central Oregon](#) includes the Lookout, Bedrock, Petes Lake, Horse Creek, and Pothole Fires. Another source for air quality information is the [Fire and Smoke](#) map from [airnow.gov](#).

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