## Brice Creek, Dinner, and Grizzly Fires August 31, 2023

Daily Fire Update







## **Community Meeting**

There will be a virtual community meeting with information on the Brice Creek, Dinner, and Grizzly Fires on Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 PM. This meeting will be streamed via Facebook Live on the Brice Creek, Dinner, and Grizzly Fire Facebook page. Questions should be submitted via our Facebook page or 2023.dinner@firenet.gov ahead of time to ensure incident management personnel will be able to answer them during the meeting timeframe.

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**Total personnel:** 425 | **Total Resources:** 4 engines; 19 crews; 2 helicopters; 3 heavy equipment; 2 water tenders

Lightning passed through Oregon the night of August 24 sparking multiple wildfires across the state, including the Cottage Grove Ranger District on the Umpqua National Forest. Northwest Incident Management Team 12 took command of three of these fires including Brice Creek, Dinner, and Grizzly Fires last night. These fires are being managed under a full suppression strategy to mitigate adverse impacts to the Bohemian Mining District, Fairview communication site, private and industrial timbered lands, infrastructure, and sensitive habitat.

Brice Creek Fire: Size: 497 acres | Start Date: August 24, 2023 | Cause: Lightning | Containment: 0% Hotshot crews used tactical firing operations to secure the western fire perimeter along FS 2216 Road yesterday. Firefighters responded quickly to a spot fire outside of the main fire yesterday, quickly extinguishing the spot fire utilizing water drops from a Type 1 heavy helicopter. Today fire crews will secure the perimeter along the FS 2216 Road using tactical firing operations and will prepare roads to be used as containment lines.

**Dinner Fire: Size:** 329 acres | **Start Date:** August 24, 2023 | **Cause:** Lightning | **Containment:** 0% Yesterday evening firefighters made progress with tactical firing operations along a road to secure the southeast perimeter of the fire and established fireline along the southern fire flank. Today crews will be holding and securing the burn operation from yesterday and are continuing to construct indirect fireline.

**Grizzly Fire: Size:** 92 acres | **Start Date:** August 24, 2023 | **Cause:** Lightning | **Containment:** 0% Firefighters are prioritizing structure protection to the southwest in the Bohemia Saddle, Champion Saddle, and Crystal Lake areas. Crews will be scouting for opportunities to construct fireline and are working along FS 2212 Road reducing fuels to improve contingency lines.

**Weather:** Cooler temperatures, higher humidity, and light precipitation today will help to moderate fire behavior. Rain in the forecast over the next few days will help to quiet fire activity where it can penetrate the forested tree canopy. Winds will be light and variable with southeast winds along the ridgetops.

**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.