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

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Total personnel: 456 | **Total Resources:** 3 engines; 19 crews; 2 helicopters; 3 heavy equipment; 5 water tenders

The fires are burning in very steep and difficult terrain posing access challenges as well as hazards to firefighter safety. Although weather conditions are expected to moderate in the coming days, fuels are extremely dry from moderate to severe drought conditions. Fire growth on the perimeters of all three fires is not expected over the next several days.

Brice Creek Fire: Size: 583 acres | Start Date: August 24, 2023 | Cause: Lightning | Containment: 0%

Lower temperatures and higher humidity have moderated fire behavior and growth allowing firefighters to make excellent progress in suppressing the fire. Firefighters will continue to hold and secure along FS 2216 Road where a previous firing operation was conducted. Scouting efforts for alternate and contingency lines are underway as well as mop-up and patrol along FS 22 Road.

Dinner Fire: Size: 329 acres | Start Date: August 24, 2023 | Cause: Lightning | Containment: 0%

Firefighters have been successful in constructing fireline around much of the perimeter of the fire using indirect line and tactical firing. A few areas of the fire remain challenging to access including the north side which has a hazardous snag patch that will be mitigated by felling crews. Crews are making progress in establishing more direct lines with the help of cooler temperatures and higher humidity over the next few days.

Grizzly Fire: Size: 92 acres | Start Date: August 24, 2023 | Cause: Lightning | Containment: 0%

Due to the remote location and rugged terrain, firefighters have faced challenges in gaining access to the fire. Yesterday firefighters performed structure assessments to determine appropriate protection tactics and scouted for access points and contingency lines. Today flame-protectant wrap, hose, and water handling equipment will be arriving to begin structure protection work and crews will continue to open roads to gain access to the fire. Firefighters will also be improving fire lines along the ridge on the FS 2212 Road.

Weather: Temperatures will be slightly warmer than yesterday and winds will be light and variable. There is a chance of isolated showers and thunderstorms.

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 Restriction</u> over the fire area. Please use extreme caution while driving during the holiday weekend. Expect to see an increase in traffic, fire apparatus, and heavy equipment with a potential for wet roadways and fog.

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 – 8:00 PM Email: 2023.dinner@firenet.gov