Brice Creek, Dinner, and Grizzly Fires September 2, 2023 Daily Fire Update



Brice Creek, Dinner, and Grizzly Fires

Total personnel: 637 | **Total Resources:** 7 engines; 26 crews; 2 helicopters; 3 heavy equipment; 5 water tenders

The fires had no new growth over the past day due to diligent suppression efforts from firefighters and favorable weather conditions. The fires are burning in very steep and difficult terrain posing access challenges as well as hazards to firefighter safety.

Brice Creek Fire: Size: 583 acres | Start Date: August 24, 2023 | Cause: Lightning | Containment: 10%

Yesterday hotshots made good progress in constructing hand line on the east perimeter of the fire and firefighters began rigorous mop-up work. Today crews will identify and secure unburnt pockets of fuel, and construct and improve direct lines on the north perimeter. Firefighters will also continue the laborious mop-up process with fire smoldering in duff layers deep in the ground and heavy dead and downed timber.

Dinner Fire: Size: 329 acres | Start Date: August 24, 2023 | Cause: Lightning | Containment: 15%

Yesterday firefighters were successful in mitigating snags on the northwest perimeter, allowing crews to make good progress building primary containment lines. The southeast flank has been kept in check with a combination of dozer line and hand line. Today firefighters will resume thorough mop-up efforts to strengthen and add depth to primary firelines and make progress toward containment.

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

Due to the remote location and rugged terrain, firefighters face continued challenges in gaining access to the fire. Yesterday firefighters continued structure assessments to determine appropriate protection tactics and began brushing roads to open them for access to the fire. As firefighters gain better access, they will continue scouting for optimal fireline locations today and crews will begin constructing fireline along the ridge to the east of the fire. Firefighters will also continue structure protection work utilizing flame-protectant wrap, hose, and water handling equipment.

Weather: Temperatures will be slightly warmer than yesterday and winds will be light and variable. There is a chance of isolated showers and afternoon 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</u> <u>Restriction</u> over the fire area. Please use extra caution while driving this 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 – 7:00 PM Email: 2023.dinner@firenet.gov