

Brice Creek, Dinner, and Grizzly Fires

September 15, 2023
Daily Update



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Total personnel: 180

Total Resources: 8 engines; 6 crews; 1 helicopter; 6 heavy equipment; 3 water tenders

A strong warming and drying trend will impact the fire area Friday bringing above normal temperatures and lower humidities. In the late afternoon, when humidity is at its lowest, an increase in fire behavior is possible during this time, especially on southern facing slopes. Firefighters on the ground, supported by aircraft will continue suppression, and patrol across all three fires as well as at Chilcoot and Ridge Fires.

Brice Creek Fire: Size: 588 acres | **Start Date:** August 24, 2023 | **Cause:** Lightning | **Containment:** 55%

Yesterday, helicopters made water drops in the southwest area as unburned patches flared up due to the warmer and drier weather. Firefighters hiked south of Road 709 to the fires edge, mopping up to help maintain a secure edge. Today, firefighters will continue to hold, secure, mop up control lines, and work on contingency lines. Helicopter bucket work is anticipated in the northeast corner where there was moderate fire activity yesterday. Smoke will continue to show within the fire perimeter.

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

Firefighters will walk control lines today looking for and mitigating any lingering hot spots, hazards or smokes to validate the viability of control features as the Dinner Fire moves towards patrol status and full containment.

Grizzly Fire: Size: 111 acres | **Start Date:** August 24, 2023 | **Cause:** Lightning | **Containment:** 0%

Yesterday, two scoopers and two helicopters continued to make numerous trips along the southern and southwestern flank of the fire preventing the spread toward Champion Creek. The advantages of using a scooper with its 1300 to 1800 gallons of water, speed of the delivery in this very steep terrain is its ability to have the water payload break through the canopy, penetrate the duff layer and reach the ground, limiting fire growth. Scoopers and helicopters are scheduled for today to assist in the hotter and dryer weather. Structural protection resources continue to patrol in the area.

Weather: Friday will be unseasonably warm and dry with temperatures in the 80's to mid-90's and humidity dropping to 19 %. Winds will be light from the east in the morning shifting to northwest in the afternoon.

Evacuations: Lane County issued a [Level 2 Evacuation](#) (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: Please remember to stay out the fire area this includes flying any unmanned aircraft (drones), if you fly we cant. There is a [forest closure](#) 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 [Temporary Flight Restriction](#) over the fire area.

Brice Creek Fire Inciweb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/orupf-brice-creek-fire>

Dinner Fire Inciweb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/orupf-dinner-fire>

Grizzly Fire Inciweb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/orupf-grizzly-fire>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bricecreekdinnergrizzlyfires2023/>

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