

# Brice Creek, Dinner, and Grizzly Fires September 18, 2023 Daily Update



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**Total personnel: 154**

**Total Resources:** 6 engines; 5 crews; 7 helicopters; 3 heavy equipment; 4 water tenders

Air support resources were grounded yesterday afternoon due to a private drone flying within the fire's airspace creating a dangerous situation. Flying drones grounds all of our aircraft, preventing operations. Air resources are critical to fire suppression efforts, often providing lifesaving operations in addition to fire suppression.

### Remember – IF YOU FLY, WE CAN'T

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

Yesterday, favorable weather conditions allowed firefighting crews to improve lines around unburned pockets and secure fire lines. Crews finished mop up work in the southwest area of the fire, where pockets of unburned fuel have been active. Today, suppression efforts will continue to hold, secure, mop up control lines, and work on contingency lines. Helicopter bucket work is anticipated, and smoke will continue to show within the fire perimeter.

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

On Sunday crews completed mopping up. No smoke or heat was found within 100 – 200 feet from the perimeter. The fire is expected to be placed in patrol status today and will be monitored for any new activity. Smoke from interior islands of unburned fuel can be expected well into fall and early winter. This is the last update for Dinner Fire unless conditions change.

**Grizzly Fire: Size:** 237 acres | **Start Date:** August 24, 2023 | **Cause:** Lightning | **Containment:** 0%

Yesterday, aircraft brought water to the Grizzly Fire to slow its movement toward Champion Creek. At 6:30 pm air resources were grounded when a privately owned drone was observed within the fire's airspace. Today, air resources will focus on keeping the fire east of Champion Creek. Crews will work in coordination with air resources near Champion Creek Road. Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) will continue prepping structures along Champion Creek Road.

**Weather:** Cooler and moister. Ridgetop temperatures 68-74 degrees; Humidity 40-50%. In the valleys temperatures will be 76-79 degrees with humidity 27-34%.

**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 of the fire area; this includes flying any unmanned aircraft (drones). If you fly we can't. There is a [forest closure](#) for portions of the Umpqua National Forest in response to fire activity in the area to protect public and 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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