

Brice Creek and Grizzly Fires

September 22, 2023
Daily Update



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Total personnel: 140

Total Resources: 2 engines; 5 crews; 4 helicopters; 2 heavy equipment; 3 water tenders

Cooler temperatures and higher humidity over the fires have resulted in minimal fire behavior. In response to a significant low-pressure system that is expected to bring up to 3 inches of rain to the fire areas, crews will focus on stabilization and repair of containment lines to mitigate possible erosion.

Brice Creek Fire: Size: 571 acres | **Start Date:** August 24, 2023 | **Cause:** Lightning | **Containment:** 70%

Firefighters made good progress over the last couple of days securing patrol lines and extinguishing hotspots. A falling module was brought in to mitigate snags (standing dead trees) that pose a danger allowing firefighters to continue their work. Firefighters are gridding and mopping up perimeters of a 98-acre pocket in the southeast corner and a 12-acre pocket in the northeast corner of the fire. Today, crews will start chipping operations, pulling hose, and associated equipment off secondary lines. They will also work on suppression repair needs with excavators and hand crews.

Grizzly Fire: Size: 301 acres | **Start Date:** August 24, 2023 | **Cause:** Lightning | **Containment:** 0%

On Thursday, dozers and hand crews improved containment line from the Rough Patch Fire burn scar westward towards Champion Creek, building from segments off the 788 and 904 roads. Near the confluence of Champion and Grizzly Creeks, bucket drops were used to slow the fires spread to the north. Today, crews will again work to keep the fire east of Champion Creek, south of the confluence of Grizzly and Champion Creeks and will begin back-hauling excess equipment.

Weather: Friday is forecast to be warmer and drier, max temperature 69-79, humidity 21-31% and winds from the east shifting to northwest 3-8 mph gusting to 14 mph. A strong Pacific weather system is forecast to move over the fire area Saturday and drop as much as 3 inches of rain before moving out of the area Tuesday.

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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