## Brice Creek, Dinner, and Grizzly Fires NW IMT12 Branch I September 5, 2023 Daily Fire Update







## **Brice Creek, Dinner, and Grizzly Fires**

**Total personnel:** 586 | **Total Resources:** 11 engines; 21 crews; 2 helicopters; 4 heavy equipment; 7 water tenders

Northwest Incident Management Team 12 assumed command of the Chilcoot and Ridge Fires this morning and will now be managing the Brice Creek, Dinner, and Grizzly Fires as Branch I and the Chilcoot and Ridge Fires as Branch II. There will be a Virtual Community Meeting for the Brice Creek, Dinner, and Grizzly Fires on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM on our <u>Facebook page</u>.

Precipitation over the fires yesterday continues to moderate fire behavior and no new fire growth has been reported.

Brice Creek Fire: Size: 583 acres | Start Date: August 24, 2023 | Cause: Lightning | Containment: 25%

North of the fire, crews and heavy equipment are improving roads as secondary containment lines, connecting Forest Service Road (FSR) 2216 to FSR 951. Chippers are aiding in this by reducing woody fuels along roads. Along the fire's edge, firefighters are making progress in the rigorous mop-up process extinguishing smoldering in the deep duff layers and heavy dead and downed trees. Unburned pockets of fuel inside the fire perimeter are being patrolled.

**Dinner Fire: Size:** 304 acres | **Start Date:** August 24, 2023 | **Cause:** Lightning | **Containment:** 60% Containment on the Dinner Fire steadily increases. Excavators have been working the southwest flank of the fire, removing woody debris off FSR 1745. On the northwest flank of the fire mop up operations are ongoing and no new fire growth is expected.

Grizzly Fire: Size: 100 acres | Start Date: August 24, 2023 | Cause: Lightning | Containment: 0%

The Grizzly Fire has proved challenging for firefighters. Direct access has been difficult due to the rugged terrain. However, rainfall over the last few days has limited fire growth. North of the fire the Noonday Ridge is being utilized as an indirect containment feature and work is progressing. Southwest of the fire, machinery is working off FSR 904. Sprinkler systems and fire-resistant wrapping are being used to protect structures around Crystal Lake and east of Champion Creek.

**Weather:** Temperatures will range from 65-75 with minimum relative humidity in the range of 35-50%. Winds will be northwest with gusts up to 12 mph.

**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.

Brice Creek Fire Inciweb: <a href="https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/orupf-brice-creek-fire">https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/orupf-brice-creek-fire</a>
Dinner Fire Inciweb: <a href="https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/orupf-dinner-fire">https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/orupf-brice-creek-fire</a>

 $\textbf{Grizzly Fire Inciweb:} \underline{\textbf{https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/orupf-grizzly-fire}$ 

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