



Lookout, Bedrock, Petes Lake, Horse Creek and Pothole Fires Sunday, October 1, 2023 - Morning Update – 9:00 a.m.

Lookout Fire: Size: 25,751 acres | **Start Date:** August 5 | **Cause:** Lightning | **Containment:** 50%

Bedrock Fire: Size: 31,590 acres | **Start Date:** July 22 | **Cause:** Under Investigation | **Containment:** 98%

Petes Lake Fire: Size: 3,254 acres | **Start Date:** August 25 | **Cause:** Lightning | **Completion:** 80%

Horse Creek Fire: Size: 763 acres | **Start Date:** August 24 | **Cause:** Lightning | **Containment:** 100%

Pothole Fire: Size: 109 acres | **Start Date:** August 25 | **Cause:** Lightning | **Containment:** 100%

Total Assigned Personnel: 521 | 13 engines | 11 crews | 2 dozers | 3 water tenders | 2 masticators | 2 helicopters

(Walterville, Ore.) – Given the decrease in fire activity, extensive suppression repair work is in progress, and closure areas are adjusting accordingly to reflect the cooler weather and successful efforts of firefighters. **It remains essential for the public to adhere to the remaining closures listed on the [Willamette National Forest Official Website](#), which are in place for both firefighter and public safety.** As temperatures increase, smoke may be visible around the Lookout fire area as fuels inside the Lookout Fire’s perimeter smolder. Today, aerial resources will be flying for reconnaissance purposes.

Suppression Repair: The Lookout Fire has minimal fire behavior due to favorable weather conditions this week. Fuels continue to smolder within the fire’s existing footprint. As roadbeds continue to dry, repair work is focused on locations impacted by suppression. Repair activities include naturalizing constructed firelines, removing materials generated from suppression activities and clearing debris-filled ditches and culverts on impacted road systems. The extensive use of heavy equipment is critical in these efforts to ensure the restoration of local ecosystems and landscapes.

Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation (BAER): Similar to the BAER assessment on the Bedrock Fire, an Emergency Response Team of resource specialists has begun field surveys and assessments for the burned areas of the Lookout, Pothole and Horse Creek Fires. For more information and updates regarding this BAER team’s assessment, follow the [Willamette National Forest Facebook](#) and the [Lookout Fire Facebook](#).

Weather: Sunny, warmer, and dry conditions are expected today. Winds will be light out of the northwest. There is a chance of light showers starting Monday afternoon.

Forest Closures: The Willamette National Forest still has established closures around fire-impacted areas, including the Lookout and Bedrock Fires. The public is urged to “Know Before You Go” by visiting the Willamette National Forest official webpage. Currently, there are no closures in effect for the Petes Lake Fire. For specific hunting-related questions, contact [Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife](#) at (503) 947-6000.

Safety: The public is asked to exercise caution, especially along roadways around the fire. Drivers should be extra vigilant along Forest Road 15 between Highway 126 and Highway 20 where crews and heavy equipment are traveling and engaging in suppression repair work. Following safety measures and respecting closure areas will help ensure a safe work environment for crews while also protecting the public.

A detailed closure map for the Willamette National Forest can be found here:



Fire Information for Lookout, Bedrock, Petes Lake, Horse Creek & Potholes through the following resources :

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