



# Little Yamsay Fire Update

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Fire Information: 541-977-2756

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**Size:** 240 acres **Total Personnel:** 100 **Location:** 15 miles southeast of Chemult, OR on the Fremont-Winema NF **Start Date:** Detected April 20, 2024 **Cause:** Lightning

Forest officials and fire managers are utilizing the Little Yamsay Fire as an opportunity to responsibly and systematically expand the footprint of this naturally-ignited wildfire to mimic a historical low-intensity fire. Some of the resource benefits include enhancing meadows, minimizing the spread of insects and disease, and protecting communities.

Fire reintroduced into the landscape creates significant buffers which will break up the landscape into 10,000 to 20,000 acre treated parcels that will protect against catastrophic wildfires like the Bootleg Fire in 2021. The desired effect of a treated buffer was observed in the Blackhills Project Area that the Bootleg Fire burned through.

With ideal spring burning conditions, crews initiated firing operations on the northeast portion of the fire in the phase one block, burning approximately 200 acres. While favorable conditions are present, firing operations will continue in the phase one block with the potential for aerial ignitions from Unstaffed Aircraft Systems (UAS) or drones to help burn interior areas that are difficult for ground personnel to access.

Elsewhere on the incident, firefighters felled hazard trees along roads in the southeast portion of the management area in the phase two block to create a more safe work environment. Heavy equipment prepared control lines along the south flank. Tree felling and line preparation will continue during today's operational shift.

Smoke may impact the Chiloquin, Chemult, and Klamath Falls areas due to wildfire activity as well as prescribed fire simultaneously being conducted on the Forest.

**There are no closures or evacuations associated with the Little Yamsay Fire.**

However, residents and visitors are encouraged to stay out of the fire area and reminded to drive carefully as emergency vehicles may be present on the roads.

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Fremont-Winema National Forest Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/R6FWNF>

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