



Little Yamsay Fire Update

May 2, 2024

Fire Information: 541-977-2756

Email: 2024.littleyamsay@firenet.gov



Size: 633 acres **Total Personnel:** 115 **Location:** 15 miles southeast of Chemult, OR on the Fremont-Winema NF **Start Date:** Detected April 20, 2024 **Cause:** Lightning

With favorable weather conditions, firefighters utilized firing operations to burn an additional 365 acres in a coordinated effort to promote forest health and fuels reduction. The plan for this naturally-ignited wildfire is to safely and systematically return fire to three predetermined blocks of land, which will result in a 6,000-acre footprint within established control lines.

Two Interagency Hotshot Crews (IHC) commenced firing operations in the northeast portion of the fire referred to as the phase one. Baker River IHC, assisted by of a Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) or drone, burned approximately 265 acres progressing south along the 300 spur road and west off of Forest Road (FR) 7644. The UAS supported ground personnel by dropping plastic sphere incendiary devices to help access areas away from the road system. LaGrande IHC burned an additional 100 acres on the northeast portion of the phase one block bringing fire to the west along FR 7645.

In the phase two block, firefighters continued preparing containment lines by thinning fuels along the FR 4975. Excavators with masticator heads further reduced fuels in this area. Heavy equipment prepared control lines along the 950 spur located on the southern perimeter of phase three.

The primary objective for Thursday's operational shift is to complete ignitions in phase one and ensure the fire remains within containment lines. A cold front is forecasted to move into the fire area Thursday afternoon, which may hinder firing operations.

Smoke may impact the Chiloquin, Bly, Chemult, and Klamath Falls areas due to wildfire activity as well as prescribed fires 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.

Social Media Links:

South Central Oregon Fire Management Partnership (SCOFMP) Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SCOFMPFIREINFO>

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

Fremont-Winema National Forest website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/fremont-winema/>