



Little Yamsay Fire Update

May 5, 2024

Fire Information: 971-978-9558

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Size: 2,009 acres **Location:** 15 miles southeast of Chemult, OR near Klamath Marsh
Start Date: Detected April 20, 2024 **Cause:** Lightning **Total Personnel:** 120
Crews: 3 **Engines:** 5 **Heavy Equipment:** 8 **Water Tenders:** 4

Snow and rain fell over the fire area most of the day Saturday, saturating fuels and postponing firing operations. While waiting for favorable weather conditions to resume firing in phases two and three, assigned resources focused on fuels reduction along road systems and mop up along control lines. Engine crews extinguished heat in and around the root systems and cat faces of large-diameter Ponderosa pines to limit mortality of these heritage trees.

Weather will continue to play a factor in determining our operational success. During Sunday's shift, firefighters and heavy equipment will prepare control lines for phase 3. Engine crews will continue mopping up, protecting large pines, and securing lines.

VEHICLE TREE STRIKE NARRATIVE: As firefighters were traveling to the fireline Saturday morning at approximately 7:30 am, a tree fell onto the cab of a vehicle contacting the windshield. None of the four passengers sustained injuries and were evaluated by incident medical staff. The vehicle sustained significant damage and needed to be towed. The tree was determined to be a live 19-inch (Diameter at Base Height) Ponderosa Pine that failed due to interior rot and strong winds from the cold front.

According to Safety Officer Cory Thompson, "We had a tree strike that could have been a lot worse. The employees are good, a little shaken up. It was a green tree and it was rotten in the middle. If you looked at that tree you probably could not identify that it would have been a hazard tree."

There are no closures or evacuations for the Little Yamsay Fire. Residents and visitors are encouraged to stay out of the fire area and reminded to drive carefully as emergency vehicles and smoke may be present on the roads.

Social Media Links:

Inciweb Page: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/orfwf-little-yamsay-fire>

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

SCOFMP YouTube Channel: <http://www.youtube.com/@scofmpfireinformation6729>

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

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