



Little Yamsay Fire Update

May 6, 2024

Fire Information: **971-978-7899**

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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:** 92
Crews: 2 **Engines:** 5 **Heavy Equipment:** 6 **Water Tenders:** 4

Cool, wet weather remained over the fire area with approximately 3 inches of snow accumulating at the highest point of the fire. Although the precipitation is helpful in securing the fire's edge, our plan to utilize firing operations to promote forest health will be delayed until fuels dry out.

Firefighters focused on hazard tree removal and fuels reduction along roads in the phase three block. When completed, these roads will serve as control lines for planned firing operations that will occur when warmer and dryer weather returns later this week. Engine crews patrolled, secured the fire's edge, and extinguished heat in the root systems and cat faces of large-diameter Ponderosa Pines.

Heavy equipment operators utilized feller bunchers and tracked harvesters to cut and stack debris along Forest Roads 49 and 7645. Afterwards, a skidder and dozer with a grapple hook piled the material out of the block that will be burned. In some areas, an excavator with a masticator head finished the process by grinding surface fuels.

Firing operations will not be implemented due to the cool weather and high fuel moisture. Control line preparations will continue during Monday's operational shift, and resources will also prepare the phase four block as a potential area to reintroduce fire into.

Hotshot crews will be cutting standing dead trees along both sides of the Silver Lake Highway between Forest Roads 49 and 7645. To safeguard this operation, flaggers and signage will control the flow of traffic. If you plan on driving through this area, expect delays.

There are no closures or evacuations for the Little Yamsay Fire.

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/>