



FIRE UPDATE



BONEYARD FIRE

Evening Update: July 21, 2024

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Firefighters work to secure southern perimeter of Boneyard Fire

MONUMENT, Ore. – The Oregon Department of Forestry Incident Management Team 1 and resources from the Oregon State Fire Marshal are continuing 24-hour structure protection and suppression efforts to expand control lines along fire flanks while securing the south and southeast ends.

Critical weather conditions of gusty winds and record low fuel moisture have contributed to the fire’s growth as a thunderstorm moves through the surrounding area, posing additional challenges for firefighters.

Two Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM) task forces specialized in structural defense are conducting point-protection operations along Top Creek, Wall Creek and other areas where fire spread has threatened homes. An additional task force has been ordered and will arrive on Monday.

A combination of state, federal and contract resources are cooperating on the Boneyard fire to suppress further wildfire spread.

Level 3 evacuation notices in the area, including Monument to highway 402, and along the North Fork John Day River, due to fires burning in Grant County. Additional crews, engines and firefighting equipment have been ordered and will continue to arrive to work on the Boneyard Fire. Overnight resources from Boneyard will be assisting the local district with suppression efforts on the Courtrock fire.

The Boneyard Fire is currently 14,602 acres and was started by lightning on July 17.

Closure: The Bureau of Land Management has closed public lands along the John Day River from Kimberly to Dale, and from Kimberly to Service Creek. blm.gov/orwafire

The Umatilla National Forest has implemented a closure for public lands within the Heppner Ranger District.

Evacuations: Level 2 (Be Set) and Level 3 (Go Now) evacuations are in effect. For updated evacuation information, visit the Grant County Emergency Management Office’s Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100068819321423>, or sign up for the Grant County Emergency Alert System at <https://member.everbridge.net/825462649520134/login>.

FIRE AT A GLANCE

Estimated Size: 14,602 acres

Containment: 0%

Cause: Lightning

Estimated Cost: \$625,000

Evacuations

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100068819321423>

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/2590041373147145>

Road Closures

Top Road and Wall Creek Road.

Fire Restrictions

<https://gisapps.odf.oregon.gov/firerestrictions/PFR.html>

All Resources

Total Personnel: 213

Hand Crews: 7

Engines: 14

Water Tenders: 2

Dozers: 4

Helicopters: 1

Incident Commander:

Joe Hessel

Oregon Department of Forestry
Incident Management Team 1