



FIRE UPDATE



SALT CREEK FIRE
July 17, 2024

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This will be the final update on the Salt Creek Fire from ODF Team 1

ODF Team 1 prepares to transition Salt Creek Fire back to local districts

EAGLE POINT, Ore. – The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) Incident Management Team 1 remains engaged on the Salt Creek Fire today, but a transition back to the local districts is now in the works. The fire is 100% lined at 4,102 acres and is 84% contained this morning. Today will be the final day shift for IMT personnel and as of 7:00 a.m. Thursday morning, the team will disengage and return command of the fire to a local Type 3 team.

Even during this transition, work continues on the fire and mop-up remains the main focus for resources on the line. The increasing containment illustrates the amount of work that firefighters have been able to complete in the last couple days. Repair work also continues across the fire as firefighters put in water bars and rehab other areas that may have been affected by the firefighting efforts.

Just under 700 personnel remain assigned to the fire for Wednesday’s day and night shift, including 25 crews, 20 engines, 12 water tenders, five bulldozers and seven helicopters of various types. As resources continue to work today and following the transition light smoke may be visible within the interior of the fire, however resources are still engaged.

Level 1, “BE READY,” evacuation notices remain in effect for zones JAC-316, JAC-317 and JAC-325-A. Any changes to evacuations will be made by the Jackson County Sheriff’s Office and Emergency Management. Learn more about evacuations at: <https://protect.genasys.com/>

BLM Medford District has temporarily closed BLM-managed lands in the area for safety. For more info go to: <https://www.blm.gov/orwafire>

The Salt Creek Fire is located 10 miles east of Eagle Point and was first reported Sunday, July 7, just after 4 p.m. The cause is under investigation.

This will be the final update from Team 1. Further updates will be available from local agencies:

- The ODF Southwest Oregon District: <https://swofire.com/>
- The RRSNF Alerts and Notices page www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/rogue-siskiyou/alerts-notice and website homepage www.fs.usda.gov/rogue-siskiyou
- The BLM OR/WA Fire Management Page: www.blm.gov/orwafire

FIRE AT A GLANCE

Final Fire Size: 4,102 acres
 Containment: 84%
 Cause: Under Investigation
 Estimated Cost: \$13.5 million

Evacuations

Evacuation Level 1: BE READY for Zones JAC-316, JAC-317 and JAC-325-A.

Road Closures

Salt Creek Road and Wasson Canyon Road remained closed at Highway 140, and Double Day Road is closed off of Butte Falls Highway. Highway 140 and Butte Falls Highway remain open.

All Resources

Total Personnel: 695
 Hand Crews: 25
 Engines: 20
 Water Tenders: 12
 Dozers: 5
 Helicopters: 7

Large Airtankers & Single Engine Airtankers are available upon request.

Incident Commander:

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Incident Management Team 1