



PYRAMID FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024



Pyramid Fire Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61563323485356>



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Stats:

Size: 535 acres

Containment: 0 percent

Total Personnel: 231

Fire Information:

Public Phone: 541-208-1264

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily

Email: 2024.Pyramid@firenet.gov

Incident Website: inciweb.wildfire.gov

Start Date & Time: July 17, 2024 12:26 PDT

Cause: Lightning

Location: Willamette NF, Linn County
East of the Middle Santiam Wilderness

CURRENT SITUATION: In the past few days, significant progress has been made in opening existing roads and establishing a control line around the perimeter of the fire. Additional crews, fire hose, and pumps are being added to strengthen firefighting efforts. Today, heavy equipment and masticators will continue working north and east around the fire's perimeter.

FIRE BEHAVIOR: The fire is burning in an old-growth forest with no recent fire activity. Jeff Shelton, Fire Behavior Specialist, shared that he does not see the potential for significant fire activity to occur within the next three days. Shelton explained that due to light winds, the smoke is not dispersing and is acting like a lid to lessen fire activity.

WEATHER: The weather pattern of weak upper troughing and relatively cool onshore flow will continue for the next several days. Temperatures will remain slightly below normal with elevated humidity and light northwest winds.

CLOSURES: On July 19th, the Willamette National Forest issued an emergency closure order for the Pyramid Fire to ensure public and firefighter safety. Please refer to the link below for a map of the closure area and a list of trails, recreation areas, and forest roads affected by the fire.

https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1194122.pdf

ROADS: Please be mindful of firefighting equipment when driving in the area. Refer to the emergency closure order for forest roads affected by the Pyramid Fire. For information about all other roads, visit the Oregon Department of Transportation website at <https://tripcheck.com>

EVACUATIONS: On July 17th, the Linn County Sheriff's Office, in coordination with the Forest, issued a level 3: Go Now Evacuation Alert for the closure area affected. No residential structures are threatened. The LEVEL 3: GO NOW! Evacuation Alert is primarily impacting forest and recreation areas. Please refer to the Linn County Fire Map <https://tinyurl.com/LinnCoFireMap> for full details of the issued evacuation area (which will appear in red). Follow the Linn County Sheriff's Office on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/LinnSheriff>

FIRE RESTRICTIONS: Effective July 17, 2024, fire restrictions apply to all lands within the Willamette National Forest, including the Three Sisters, Mt. Jefferson, Mt. Washington, Waldo Lake, and Diamond Peak Wilderness areas. Read the full restriction at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/willamette/alerts-notices/?aid=81487>