



Southwest Area Incident Management Team

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Fire activity increases on Crazy Creek fire as containment increases on 498/Kitty Creek

Daily Update July 28, 2024

Fire Information Phone: 541-208-1768 (8am-8pm)

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Acres: Crazy Creek 14,712; 498/Kitty Creek 73

Location: Crazy Creek: 16 miles north of Paulina, OR

498/Kitty Creek: 7 miles north of Mitchell, OR

Containment: Crazy Creek 0%; 498/Kitty Creek 58%

Start Date: July 22, 2024

Personnel: 277 total for both fires

Fuels: Timber and short grass

Highlights: Hard work by firefighters to secure the northern half of the 498/Kitty Creek fire increased containment to 58%. On the Crazy Creek fire, firefighters observed tree torching and short-range spotting, which resulted in fire grown in the southwest and northeast areas of the fire. Firefighters are working to keep the Crazy Creek Fire north of Little Summit Prairie.

Fire Activity: On Saturday, crews on the 498/Kitty Creek fire worked to reinforce the fireline and extinguish any hot spots near the edge of the fire. Firefighters also conducted mop-up operations, actively dousing burning material with water, felling damaged trees and cooling ash pits.

On the Crazy Creek fire, firefighters in the northwest area worked from the 744 and 755 roads to the 30 road, prepping the area for possible overnight firing operations, if weather conditions are favorable. In the northeast portion of the fire, hand crews and equipment operators constructed containment lines to protect private camps at Toggle Meadows. The southwestern flank showed the greatest growth on Saturday, approaching Forest Road 42. Slow-moving, but extensive spotting in dead/downed fuels resulted in spotting across the 4270 road in at least one location.

On Sunday, on the southwest/southern portion of the Crazy Creek Fire, crews will construct fire containment lines and work to contain spot fires in the area. Crews across the Crazy Creek fire will continue looking for potential roads that can be used as containment lines and focus their efforts on protecting structures in Toggle Meadow and Little Summit Prairie. Crews on the 498/Kitty Creek Fire will continue to patrol the northern half of the fire and continue to improve the fire perimeter on the south side to increase containment.

Weather: Temperatures and winds will remain about the same as Saturday, with temperatures in the low 80s and light winds out of the west across the 498/Kitty Creek and Crazy Creek fires.

Smoke: Smoke from multiple fires in Central Oregon are impacting the region. Additional details are available via <https://outlooks.wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlook/079f0f73>.

Closures: The Ochoco National Forest has implemented a forest closure for the Paulina Ranger District. More information can be found at fs.usda.gov/alerts/ochoco/alerts-notice/?aid=89203.

More Information:

InciWeb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/orocf-crazy-creek>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SWIMT5>

Central Oregon Wildfire Information: <https://centraloregonfire.org/>