



Whisky Creek Fire Daily Update July 25, 2024

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Incident Information Phone Line: 541-308-1736 – daily 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Whisky Creek Fire Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/2024WhiskyCreekFire InciWeb: https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-news/ormhf-whisky-creek-fire

Smoke Report: https://www.airnow.gov/

Whisky Creek Fire	contained 288 Acres	6 miles SE of Cascade Locks, OR	Burning in scrub oak, timber, slash and grass
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Highlights

Crews identified containment line locations to the southeast and southwest of the active fire area yesterday as more firefighting resources arrived in the area. Due to cloud cover last night, an infrared mapping flight could not be conducted, resulting in no change to the listed acreage despite growth yesterday. A community meeting will be held tonight at the Marine Park Pavilion at 7 p.m. and available on Facebook.

Operations

Crews will be preparing containment lines to the southeast along the Rainy-Wahtum Trail #409 from Rainy Lake to Wahtum Lake and continuing to the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) approximately one mile to the 2017 Eagle Creek Fire burn area. A temporary reroute of the PCT is likely as fire activity increases. To the east of the fire, crews are strengthening a containment line along the Gorton Creek Trail #408 and identifying potential contingency lines further east.

Fire Behavior & Weather

The fire is burning within the Mark O. Hatfield Wilderness and moving steadily along the eastern edge up Woolly Horn Ridge and west towards Waucoma Ridge. Moderate upslope growth is expected to continue around the fire's edges with potential for wind to push to the south. Smoke will continue to be visible, especially in the afternoon, as fire consumes denser pockets of vegetation and dead-and-down fuels. Decreasing humidity, breezy winds, and mostly clear skies today and Friday may increase fire activity and smoke, especially in the afternoon.

Evacuations, Road and Trail Closures, and Restrictions

The Mt. Hood National Forest and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area have issued a joint emergency closure for the fire area. Closure information can be found on the Mt. Hood National Forest website Alerts & Closures page at: Whisky Creek Fire Closures in Mark O. Hatfield Wilderness.

Total Fire Resources Assigned

• Approx. 215 personnel, 4 hand crews, 3 water tenders, 1 dozer, and 4 helicopters.