



Whisky Creek Fire Daily Update

July 28, 2024

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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	0% Contained	891 Acres	6 miles SE of Cascade Locks, OR	Burning in scrub oak, timber and grass
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Highlights

Cloud cover helped keep temperatures lower than expected in the fire area yesterday, resulting in minimal fire spread and smoke production. These conditions are expected to continue today as crews make progress on containment lines and refine contingency plans. A closure is in place on the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) north of the junction with Indian Springs Trail to the Bridge of the Gods in Cascade Locks with a detour along the Eagle Creek Trail. Management of the fire will transition from Great Basin Complex Incident Management Team 6 to a local tri-forest Type 3 incident management team at 6 A.M. tomorrow morning.

Operations

Crews continue to prepare containment lines and clear roads and trails to the south along the Rainy-Wahtum Trail #409 from Rainy Lake to Wahtum Lake and continuing to the PCT approximately one mile to the 2017 Eagle Creek Fire burn area. Crews are clearing thick brush along roads with the assistance of masticators to create fire breaks. To the east of the fire, crews continue to strengthen a containment line along the Gorton Creek Trail #408 and identifying potential contingency lines further east.

Fire Behavior and Weather

Increasing cloud cover and humidity, paired with lower temperatures through Tuesday, are expected to minimize fire activity and smoke production. Forecasted rain Monday is not expected to impact the fire. A remote weather station (RAWS) has been set up on Mt. Defiance to assist the incident meteorologist and fire behavior analyst make informed predictions specific to the fire location.

Road and Trail Closures

The Mt. Hood National Forest and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area have expanded a joint emergency closure for the fire area to include the Pacific Crest Trail and areas south of I-84. Closure information can be found at: [Whisky Creek Fire Closures in Mark O. Hatfield Wilderness](#). Hood River County has closures in effect for Kingsley Campground, Kingsley Road, Dead Point Road, and Green Point Road viewable on their [website](#).

Total Fire Resources Assigned

- Approx. 284 personnel, 5 hand crews, 4 water tenders, 3 dozers, 5 masticators and 2 helicopters.