

Whisky Creek Fire Daily Update July 29, 2024

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Incident Information Phone Line: 541-208-1743 – daily 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Whisky Creek Fire Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/2024WhiskyCreekFire</u> InciWeb: <u>https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-news/ormhf-whisky-creek-fire</u> Smoke Report: <u>https://www.airnow.gov/</u>

Whisky Creek 0% Contained Fire	891 Acres	6 miles SE of Cascade Locks, OR	Burning in scrub oak, timber and grass
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<u>Highlights</u>

The Central Cascades Interagency Management Team assumed command of the Whisky Creek Fire as of 6 A.M. today. Cloud cover, increased humidity, and the chance of light precipitation today will continue to limit the growth of the fire and minimize smoke production.

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 contingency lines working towards the Hood River County Forestry Kingsley area.

Fire Behavior and Weather

Increasing cloud cover and humidity, paired with lower temperatures and a chance of light precipitation through Tuesday, are expected to minimize fire activity and smoke production. Forecasted rain is not expected to impact the fire.

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: <u>Whisky Creek Fire Closures in Mark O. Hatfield Wilderness</u>. Hood River County has closures in effect for Kingsley Campground, Kingsley Road, Dead Point Road, and Green Point Road viewable on their <u>website</u>.

Total Fire Resources Assigned

• Approx. 284 personnel, 6 hand crews, 4 water tenders, 3 dozers, 5 masticators and 2 helicopters.