



RED FIRE DAILY UPDATE

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<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/ordef-red-fire>

<https://www.facebook.com/2024RedFireOR/>



Size: 659 acres **Location:** 5 miles west of Crescent Lake Junction, OR **County:** Klamath
Start Date: July 17, 2024 **Cause:** Lightning **Containment:** 0% **Total Personnel:** 267

Crescent, OR – The Red Fire is burning within the Diamond Peak Wilderness of the Deschutes National Forest, on the southwest slope of Redtop Mountain. The fire is being managed under a full suppression strategy. Public and firefighter safety is the highest priority in managing this fire.

Yesterday's Activities - Firefighters continued checking and prepping structures as well as preparing the final touches on the shaded fuel break. Completed and tested sprinkler systems. The fire continued to primarily burn back in on itself but did grow 50 acres along the southern edge.

Today's Activities – Today crews will focus on securing established control lines, chipping of wood debris, and continued strengthening of defensible areas. Equipment will continue to rotate around the fire to areas still needing work. Scouts will continue to look for areas to engage the fire directly and opportunities to safely insert more resources.

Weather and Smoke – As the cloudy skies continue to clear in the fire area that slight moisture change in the fuel beds bringing higher relative humidity. Relative humidity is the main factor as it is always changing slowly with the predicted weather. Burning will be moderate to slow on most of the fire today. Air quality information can be found at <https://fire.airnow.gov/>.

Closures – The Deschutes National Forest has implemented an emergency closure around Crescent Lake and in the Diamond Peak Wilderness. *The public should note that Forest Service Road 60 is closed, and road guards have been posted for public safety.* More closure information is available at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/deschutes/alerts-notice/?aid=89091>

Evacuations – The **WILDFIRE! Level 1 – BE READY to Evacuate** notice issued by Klamath County Emergency Management for the Crescent Lake, Odell Lake, and Crescent Junction areas remains in effect (INCENDIO FORESTAL! Nivel 1 - ESTÉ PREPARADO para evacuar de las siguientes zonas: Crescent Lake, Odell Lake, Crescent Junction). Visit www.klamathcounty.org/300/emergency-management for more information or to sign up for alerts.

Fire Restrictions – Stage 2 Public Use Fire Restrictions – which prohibit open fires, including in developed campgrounds – are in effect for the Deschutes National Forest. The Industrial Fire Precaution Level is currently Level IV "General Shutdown." Visit fs.usda.gov/detail/deschutes/home/?cid=stelprdb5297376 for more information.

Drone Restrictions – A Temporary Flight Restriction is in place over the Red Fire area. Unauthorized drone (UAS) flights pose serious risks to the effectiveness of wildfire suppression operations. Aerial firefighting is suspended when unauthorized UAS are in the area, allowing wildfires to grow larger. If you fly, we can't.

