



RED FIRE DAILY UPDATE

Saturday, August 17, 2024

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

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



Size: 730 acres **Location:** 5 miles west of Crescent Lake Junction, OR **County:** Klamath

Start Date: July 17, 2024 **Cause:** Lightning **Containment:** 0% **Total Personnel:** 246

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.

Shaded Fuel Break Phases – Firefighters are completing the shaded fuel break in three phases **Phase 1** includes cutting and stacking selected trees using logging equipment; **Phase 2** includes limbing, trimming, and removing cut trees off site; and **Phase 3** includes masticating brush and tree limbs to remove and reduce vegetation that could be fuel for the fire.

Yesterday's Activities – Crews made steady progress implementing Phase 1 of the shaded fuel break near the Crescent Lake Summer Homes area. Firefighters also moved almost 34,000 gallons of water through the established hose lay protecting and prepping values along the lay.

Today's Activities – Crews will continue to coordinate with resources from the Willamette Complex Fire South to strengthen the control lines near the two fire areas. Work on Phase 1 along the Crescent Lake Summer Homes will continue to progress. In areas where crews have completed Phase 3 of the shaded fuel break, resources will focus heavily on clean up.

Weather and Smoke – Tomorrow, southerly winds will bring gusts up to 30 mph from about 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. when they will then shift to westerly winds, also with gusts up to 30 mph. Possible lightning and thunderstorms may enter the fire area around 1 p.m. and last until about 8 p.m. 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.fsa.gov/alerts/deschutes/alerts-notices/?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 – Aerial firefighting is suspended when unauthorized drones (UAS) are in the area. Unauthorized drone use over a fire area poses serious risks to fire personnel and the effectiveness of wildfire suppression operations. If you fly, we can't.