



# RED FIRE DAILY UPDATE

Sunday, August 18, 2024

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

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**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** – Phase 3 of the shaded fuel break is 100% complete spanning from the railroad near Odell Lake to the Crescent Lake Snowpark. Phase 1 is nearly complete, and progress continued along the Crescent Lake Summer Homes. Team members from Northern Rockies Incident Management Team 8 arrived and received an overview of the fire in preparation for the transition of command.

**Today's Activities** – The Southern Area Gray Team is happy to welcome the Northern Rockies Incident Management Team 8 to Oregon. Today, they will shadow the Southern Area Gray Team members as they coordinate their transition into leadership roles and prepare to assume command of the fire on Monday, August 19, at 6 a.m. Crews will continue implementation of Phases 1 and 2 around the fire area in coordination with heavy equipment.

**Weather and Smoke** – Winds are expected to be around 7-10 mph out of the west with temperatures in the mid-60s in the fire area. The fire will continue to creep and smolder. 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](http://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=stelpdrb5297376](https://fs.usda.gov/detail/deschutes/home/?cid=stelpdrb5297376) 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.