



# RED FIRE DAILY UPDATE

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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:** 152

**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 continues being managed under a **full suppression** strategy. Public and firefighter safety is the highest priority in managing this fire.

**Yesterday's Activities** – The second phase of shaded fuel break work, the felling and processing of trees and brush, progressed along the Crescent Lake summer homes. Larger trees are being removed off-site for storage and truck activity remained heavy on the closed road areas.

**Today's Activities** – This morning at 6 a.m. the Northern Rockies Incident Management Team 8 assumed command of the fire. They thanked the Southern Area 'Gray' Team for leaving behind a well-executed plan and foundation to build on. The Gray Team sends their appreciation to the crews and resources for excellent work, and thanks the La Pine community for their hospitality. Crews will inspect and finalize hose lays and sprinklers at structures adjacent to Crescent Lake. The felling and processing of trees with heavy equipment will continue on the shaded fuel break from Crescent Lake west to Summit Lake.

**Weather and Smoke** – Weather will continue to be favorable for fire suppression. Winds are expected to be around 7-10 mph out of the west with temperatures in the mid-60s, with fire activity limited to creeping and smoldering. Air quality information can be found at <https://fire.airnow.gov/>.

**Closures** – The Deschutes National Forest emergency closure around Crescent Lake and in Diamond Peak Wilderness is still in effect. *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-notice/?aid=89091>

**Evacuations** – The **WILDFIRE! Level 1 – BE READY to Evacuate** notice issued by Klamath County Emergency Management for 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 – remain 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](https://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.***