

Willamette Complex South Update

Chalk, Coffeepot, McKinley, Moss Mountain, Tire Mountain, 208, and 217 Fires

Wednesday, August 14, 2024



Total Willamette Complex South Personnel: 759

Total Willamette Complex South Acres: 12,668

Resources: 24 Type 6 Engines, 11 Dozers, 12 Masticators, 2 Skid Steers

Fire Cause: Lightning

Community Meeting

There will be a community meeting for the Willamette Complex Fires South held on Friday, August 16th at 6:30 pm at the Banner Bank Amphitheater in Greenwaters Park in Oakridge, OR. This in-person meeting will be recorded and posted to Facebook and YouTube.

Summary

Firefighting crews have made progress strengthening containment lines on the Willamette Complex South fires. Recent favorable weather conditions have aided their efforts.

Chalk Fire (5,449 acres, 54% containment)

A downed tree created a spot fire across Forest Road 1920 on the southwest corner of the Chalk Fire. Firefighters with hand tools contained the fire by the end of the day.

Coffeepot Fire (6,078 acres, 35% containment)

Crews are making significant progress to secure the southern edge of the Coffeepot Fire. They are removing hazard trees and mopping up by extinguishing heat along the fireline.

Moss Mountain Fire (754 acres, 0% containment)

Firefighters and heavy equipment operators are securing line to contain the stringer of fire that crossed Forest Road 2120 to the south. Crews are making good progress along Forest Roads 2120 and 23 to head off any potential spread.

208 Fire (202 acres, 0% containment)

The 208 Fire continues to smolder and creep but has shown minimal growth beyond its perimeter. Fire managers are evaluating strategies to control the fire.

217 Fire, Tire Mountain Fire, and McKinley Fire

The 217, Tire Mountain, and McKinley fires are 100% contained and crews are monitoring status regularly.

Weather and Fire Behavior

Temperatures remained about the same with variable cloud cover over the fire area. Winds are consistently from the west and northwest, and the marine layer is expected to move in again later this week. Moderate fire behavior is expected, with smoldering, creeping, and isolated torching.

Closures and Fire Restrictions

Area, road, trail, and recreation site closures are in place on the Willamette National Forest in the vicinity of many active fires. Temporary road barricades are in place to restrict traffic across the fire areas.

- For specific closure information visit tinyurl.com/WillFireClosures2024
- For current fire restrictions visit tinyurl.com/WillFireRestrictions2024

Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR) are in place over the Chalk, Coffeepot, and Moss Mountain Fires. Visit tfr.faa.gov for up-to-date areas. Wildfires are a no-fly zone for unauthorized aircraft, including drones. For more information, visit knowbeforeyoufly.org.