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Ochoco National Forest
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Central Oregon District – ODF
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Crazy Creek Fire & Kitty Creek Fire Update – August 23, 2024, 7 a.m.

Acres: Crazy Creek –86,963; 93% contained Kitty Creek –73; 100% contained

Location: Crazy Creek: 5 miles north of Paulina, Oregon; 498/Kitty Creek: 7 miles south of Mitchell, Oregon

Start Date: July 22, 2024 **Personnel:** 368

Resources: 11 crews | 10 engines | 1 bulldozer | 10 water tenders | 1 skid steer

Highlights: Firefighters continue to make significant progress on the Crazy Creek with containment steadily increasing. While fire activity is expected to remain minimal, crews remain vigilant as they work to secure and strengthen containment lines.

Yesterday on the Crazy Creek Fire, increased fire activity occurred in the northeast corner as snags ignited causing flare-ups. Despite these challenges, all containment lines held firm. The Kitty Creek Fire remains fully contained. Resources today will focus on suppression repair, patrolling for any remaining hotspots, and securing existing containment lines.

Evacuations: The Crook County Sheriff's Office has lowered the evacuation level from Level 3 (recommended evacuation) to Level 2 (set for evacuation) from Highway 380 north to SE Puett Road. The area north of SE Puett Road around the perimeter of the fire remains at a Level 3. The area south of Highway 380 has been lowered to Level 1 (prepare for possible evacuation). An [evacuation map](#) is available online through the Crook County Emergency Management Office [website](#).

Weather: Today's weather includes a high of 65°F with a chance of rain in the morning, declining in the afternoon. Winds are possible with gusts between 5 and 10 miles per hour.

Importance of Fire Prevention: All public lands in Central Oregon, including the Ochoco National Forest, are in Stage 2 Public Use (Fire) Restrictions. All open flames, including woodstoves and charcoal briquette fires, are prohibited. In times of high fire danger, it is crucial for everyone to follow prevention measures to avoid additional strain on overburdened resources.

Closures: The Ochoco National Forest has implemented a [forest closure](#) for the eastern portion of the Paulina Ranger District.

More Information:

InciWeb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/orocf-crazy-creek>

Facebook: [Facebook.com/CrazyCreekFire](https://www.facebook.com/CrazyCreekFire)

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