



## MEDIA RELEASE

Deschutes National Forest  
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[fs.usda.gov/deschutes/](https://fs.usda.gov/deschutes/)

Prineville District BLM  
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[blm.gov/or/districts/prineville](https://blm.gov/or/districts/prineville)

**Fire info line:** 541-460-6616  
**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
August 24, 2024

Ochoco National Forest  
3160 N.E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Prineville, OR  
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3501 NE 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Prineville, OR  
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### Crazy Creek Fire & Kitty Creek Fire Update – August 24, 2024

**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:** 352    **Cause:** Lightning

**Resources:** 3 crews | 11 engines | 1 bulldozers | 7 water tenders | 10 skid steers | 4 Excavators

**Highlights:** Cooler temperatures, higher humidity, and recent precipitation have significantly reduced fire activity.

Yesterday, crews focused on suppression repair. Today, efforts will continue with an emphasis on patrolling for remaining areas of heat and reinforcing containment lines. While conditions are currently favorable, warmer and drier weather expected next week could increase fire behavior in isolated areas. Firefighters remain vigilant and prepared to respond to any changes.

Moving forward, updates will be provided every other day, or sooner if significant changes occur. For daily updates, please visit InciWeb and follow our Facebook page.

**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 forecast includes highs in the mid-60s with partially cloudy skies. There is a 25% chance of rain in the morning, decreasing to 16% by the afternoon. Winds are expected from the NW at 5-10mph.

**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://facebook.com/CrazyCreekFire)

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