

Diamond Complex and Middle Fork Fire Daily Update

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The Diamond Complex on the Umpqua National Forest consists of 27 lightning-caused fires totaling approximately 8,129 acres, with 728 people assigned. The Middle Fork Fire in the northwest corner of Crater Lake National Park has 28 people assigned, but the Diamond Complex is sharing resources as needed. **The park remains open.**

KEY MESSAGES: Highway 230 along the northwest corner of Crater Lake National Park will be one-lane traffic with a flagger and pilot car due to work occurring on the Middle Fork Fire. Expect delays and plan accordingly.

The Umpqua National Forest has issued a new Emergency Fire Closure ORDER NO. 06-15-24-05 that includes some exceptions from the previous Emergency Fire Closure ORDER NO. 06-15-24-03.

OPERATIONS:

Middle Fork Fire (4,544 acres, 0% contained): Fire movement around the perimeter was minimal yesterday. Most of the smoke production and burning fuels was from unburned pockets of trees and gaps on the perimeter. Fire spread potential remains with current forecasted weather conditions. Fire fighters continue fire line preparation and snag mitigation, while looking for additional containment opportunities on the western flank of the fire. To the north northeast, between HWY 230 and 138, log loaders continue operations to remove heavy fuels from established dozer lines in preparation to add water resources and conduct potential tactical firing operations. To the east, on the northern access road to Crater Lake National Park, fire personnel are looking at road preparation. Air resources remain available in the form of helicopters and a new arrival of an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS). The Pacific Crest Trail from the Dutton Ridge Intersection to Hwy 138, Lightning Springs, Bald Crater Loop, Bert Creek, and Boundary Springs Trails (within the park) are closed.

Diamond Complex Fires

Pine Bench Fire (North of Hwy 138 near Dry Creek, 2,165 acres, 15% contained): On the eastern flank, fire crews continue to mop up and secure established fire line. To the west of the Boulder Creek Wilderness, on FS 4670, crews are working simultaneously from the north and south to secure the road. To the southeast fire crews will continue structure protection activities. Additionally, road preparation on Forest Service Roads 3402 and 3400 in between the Pine Bench and Potter Fires will be taking place today.

Potter Fire (North of Hwy 138, two miles southeast of Potter Mountain, 2060 acres, 0% contained): Crews are finishing putting structure protection wrap and hose lays around wooden trestles and other Pacificorp infrastructure south of the fire. To the east, scouting continues for options to get heavy equipment in to construct lines. On the north, a division supervisor has been added to look for openings to access the fires.

Trep Fire (About four miles south of Hwy 138, 374 acres, 0% contained): A division supervisor has been added to the south end, towards Bear Creek, to assess tactics for containing the fire.

Lost Fire (Northeast of the Trep Fire, 51 acres, 0% contained): Helitack crews remain in place today.

Bear Trap Fire (Two miles south of Hwy 138 near Bear Trap Mountain, 64 acres, 50% contained), **Campwood Fire** (Two miles south of Hwy 138, 20 acres, 25% contained), **Wood Fire** (Two miles south of Hwy 139, 23 acres, 25% contained): Fire fighters are shifting attention to these fires, to the north of Trep and Lost fires, to increase containment features.

Ooya Fire (North of Hwy 138, one mile northeast of Bird Point, 276 acres, 0% contained): Firefighters have gone direct on the east and west flanks with a combination of hand and dozer lines. Hose lays are in place on the east and will be established to the west today.

Brodie Fire (Five miles south of Hwy 138, south of Devils Canyon, 165 acres, 0% contained): Fire personnel have gained an access point to the fire with heavy equipment use and water is on site.

Lemolo Fire (North of Lemolo Lake on Bunker Hill, 1247 acres, 20% contained): Firefighters completed burnout operations on the south and will continue to mop up, cooling the fire's edge further into the burn area.

Trail Fire (East of Hwy 138 on the west slope of Mt. Thielsen, 843 acres, 40% contained): Crews will be on the ground today continuing mop up to reach standards and patrolling the fire perimeter.

Other fires within the Diamond Complex:

Watson Fire (237 acres, 50% contained)

Loafer Fire (42 acres, 50% contained)

Trap Fire (One mile south of Hwy 138 near Trap Mountain, 16 acres, 0% contained)

Rough Fire (11 acres, 25% contained)

Canal Fire (1 acre, 75% contained)

Slide Fire (Northeast of Pine Bench, 0.1 acres, 95% contained)

Elephant Fire (Two miles southwest of Lemolo Lake, 0.7 acres, 95% contained)

Sheep Fire (Three miles north of Diamond Lake, 0.3 acres, 95% contained)

Thin Fire (Four miles northwest of Diamond Lake, 0.6 acre, 95% contained)

Pig Iron Fire (Near Pig Iron Mountain north of Hwy 138, 27 acres, 95% contained)

Garwood Fire (About three miles southwest of Mt. Bailey, 5 acres, 95% contained)

Mowich Fire (One mile north of Hwy 138, 0.4 acre, 95% contained)

Toolbox Fire (0.1 acres, 95% contained)

Fires 100% contained: Clearwater (0.7 acre), **Birds** (0.1 acres), **Dog** (0.1 acres)

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR: Moderate conditions are expected with minimum relative humidity levels rising into the low 30's. Sunny weather is forecasted today, rising into the low to mid 80's. Fire surface spread will be most likely, and perimeter growth will mainly be from the heavy fuels. The burn period for the day will likely be shortened due to the higher relative humidity levels during the day and into the evening.

SMOKE OUTLOOK: Smoke will remain in the area and may reduce visibility and hinder air operations. For the most up to date information, please visit fire.airnow.gov/

CLOSURES, RESTRICTIONS, EVACUATIONS: Umpqua National Forest has two closures in place across the forest in response to fire activity to protect public and wildland firefighter safety. Emergency Fire Closure ORDER NO. 06-15-24-05 and Emergency Fire Closure ORDER NO. 06-15-02-24-01 impacts all the Cottage Grove Ranger District, most of the Diamond Lake Ranger District, and parts of the Tiller and North Umpqua Ranger Districts. The closure orders can be found here: www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/umpqua/alerts-notice. Fire danger is set at VERY HIGH, and Public Use Restrictions Level 3 ORDER NO. 06-15-24-04 is in effect: <https://tinyurl.com/PublicUseRestrictions>

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office evacuation order for the Trail Fire west of Hwy 138 is set at **Level 1: Get Ready** and east of Hwy 138 is set at **Level 3: GO NOW**. The evacuation order for the Lemolo Fire south of Lemolo Lake is set at **Level 1: Be Ready** and northeast of Lemolo Lake is set at **Level 3: GO NOW**. There is still a **Level 2: BE SET** for the Pine Bench Fire. There is also a **Level 2: BE SET** for the Potter Fire. For an interactive map of evacuations, visit the Douglas Co. Sheriff's Office website: www.dcsso.com/evacuations