



Diamond Complex and Middle Fork Fire Incident Update Date: August 18, 2024



#DiamondComplex



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Fire Information: 541-375-0367

Hours: 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

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Location: Umpqua National Forest
Crater Lake National Park

Incident Websites:

inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/orupf-diamond-complex

inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/orclp-middle-fork-fire

The Diamond Complex on the Umpqua National Forest consists of 28 lightning-caused fires totaling approximately 10,843 acres, with 833 personnel assigned. Nineteen of the 28 fires in the Diamond Complex are now 100 percent contained.

The Middle Fork Fire in the northwest corner of Crater Lake National Park is 5197 acres and is 0% contained. Sixty personnel are assigned, and the Diamond Complex is sharing resources as needed. **The park remains open.**

California Interagency Incident Management Team 4 assumed command of the Diamond Complex and Middle Fork Fire this morning at 6:00 a.m., and Northern Rockies Complex Incident Management Team 3 is returning home.

KEY MESSAGE:

For public and firefighter safety, the North Entrance Road in the park is temporarily closed for firefighters to prepare control lines with machinery along that road. For details, visit <https://www.nps.gov/crla/learn/news/crater-lake-temporarily-closes-north-entrance-for-the-middle-fork-fire.htm>

OPERATIONS:

Middle Fork Fire (5,197 acres, 0% contained):

Today, crews will continue clearing vegetation along the 230 Road and at the North Entrance to Crater Lake National Park. On the southern side, crews will continue to look for areas of opportunity to limit spread to the south where safe to do so.

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Pine Bench Fire (North of Hwy 138 near Dry Creek, 3,864 acres, 31% contained):

Today's priority will be to contain the movement into Medicine Creek and re-enforce the Sly Creek area. Crews will also be improving the road system by removing vegetation from the west side, moving north.

Potter Fire (North of Hwy 138, two miles southeast of Potter Mountain, 3,243 acres, 5% contained):

On the north side, crews will continue clearing vegetation along the 265 Road, and prep the roads to the east and to the west. On the south side crews will continue looking for opportunities for containment to protect infrastructure.

Trep Fire (About four miles south of Hwy 138, 538 acres, 0% contained):

Crews will continue to improve conditions along the northern perimeter. On the south side, mop up will continue and prevent spread to the east into the Bear Creek Drainage.

Other fires within the Diamond Complex:

Lost Fire (Northeast of Trep Fire, 64 acres, 0% contained):

Ooya Fire (North of Hwy 138, one mile northeast of Bird Point, 372 acres, 66% contained):

Crews will mop up and secure the remaining open line.

Lemolo Fire (North of Lemolo Lake on Bunker Hill, 1,246 acres, 87% contained):

Crews will continue to mop up and back-haul excess equipment.



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Trail Fire (East of Hwy 138 on the west slope of Mt. Thielsen, 842 acres, 77% contained):
Crews will continue to mop up and secure the area.

Trap Fire (One mile south of Hwy 138 near Trap Mountain, 17 acres, 0% contained):

Loafer Fire (44 acres, 56% contained)

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR: Rain and thunderstorms reached the fire area yesterday with many areas receiving wetting rainfall amounts greater than .25" of rain. The heaviest rainfall fell across the western half of the complex, specifically Pine Bench receiving the heaviest rainfall. Significant lightning also occurred across the complex. Showers are expected to end by this morning. The rain, cooler temperatures and higher humidity is expected to moderate fire weather conditions today.

SMOKE OUTLOOK: For the most up to date information, please visit fire.airnow.gov/

EVACUATIONS:

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office has lifted evacuation orders for all areas except for east of the Pine Bench Fire, which remains at a **Level 1: BE SET** for a single residence east of the Potter Fire. For an interactive map of evacuations, visit the Douglas Co. Sheriff's Office website: www.dcsso.com/evacuations

FOREST CLOSURE:

The Umpqua National Forest has three closures in place impacting every district of the forest. Most of the Diamond Lake Ranger District is closed. Closure Orders and maps can be found here: www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/umpqua/alerts-notices. Fire danger is set at VERY HIGH, and Public Use Restrictions Level 3 ORDER NO. 06-15-24-04 is in effect: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/umpqua/fire/?cid=FSEPRD937986>

The Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest has issued a closure for the area north and west of Crater Lake National Forest along Highway 230 south to the intersection with Highway 62. See the Closure Order and map at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/rogue-siskiyou/alerts-notices>.

PARK CLOSURE:

Crater Lake National Park has several closures in effect, closure orders and maps can be found at: <https://www.nps.gov/crla/learn/news/crater-lake-temporarily-closes-north-entrance-for-the-middle-fork-fire.htm>.

REMINDER: 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. Hikers and bikers may not use the North Entrance Road to enter or leave Crater Lake National Park.