



HOMESTEAD COMPLEX FIRE UPDATE

Fire Information

Saturday, August 17, 2024

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The Homestead Complex Fire includes seven fires totaling 5,698 acres with an overall containment of 27%. There are 774 personnel currently assigned to the complex. Fire managers continue directing resources to fires based on threats to property, infrastructure, industry, and areas with the highest probability of success while providing for firefighter and public safety. The fire is being managed by Northwest Incident Management Team 8.

Yesterday, on the **No Man Fire (1,899 acres)**, higher humidity, elevated fuel moistures and unfavorable winds limited the success with burnout operations. The decision was made to hold-up with the burnouts until burning conditions improved. Crews continued with improving contingency lines and working on improving the primary line near the Salmon 33 Fire. The crews working the nightshift conducted holding operations and mopping-up. The **Salmon 33 Fire (250 ac.)** remained within its footprint as firefighters strengthened control lines and mopped-up. Work continued on improving additional control lines that will tie into lines on the No Man Fire to the west.

On the **Horse Heaven Creek Fire (2,240 ac.)**, tactical burnout operations continued along the east flank of the fire heading to the southeast corner. Crews utilized an unmanned UAS drone to conduct aerial ignition in support of firing operations. On the north flank, crews were looking for opportunities to take advantage of the cooler and possibly rainy weather on Saturday to construct direct handline, including establishing control lines around a "slopover" in the northwest corner of the fire near Horse Heaven Creek. Work continued on the south flank handline mopping up, holding and improving handline. Work also continued on building and improving contingency lines to the west, north and east flanks of the fire. Crews worked on a small spot fire that was detected by remote infrared sensors in the southwest corner of the fire.

On the **Bullpup Fire (456 ac.)** and **Fuller Lake Fire (383 ac.)**, additional dozer line was established off of the 200 Road and crews worked on handline between the 200 and 380 roads. Crews continued to hold the fire along the 300 Road on the east flanks of both fires. Road work improving contingency lines using the 300 and 5850 roads continued. **Reynolds Butte Fire (335 ac)** continued to show little activity as crews continued mop-up operations.

Today, Fire managers have a plan in place to keep firefighters safe should the severe storm events predicted for Saturday materialize. On the **No Man and Salmon fires**, the firing group will be looking for opportunities on the north and south flanks of No Man, and on the northern end of the Salmon 33 Fire, to continue tactical burnouts. Work will also continue on prepping contingency lines on the 3806 and 3815 roads. Holding and mop-up efforts will continue on both fires.

On the **Horse Heaven Creek Fire**, similar to the past few days, fire managers will be scouting for opportunities to establish control lines around the slopover in the northwest corner of the fire near Horse Heaven Creek. They will also be looking for opportunities to construct direct control lines along other areas of the fire should the predicted wetter weather materialize. Tactical burnouts are planned, progressing south toward the southeast corner of the fire then continuing west to tie-in with existing control lines on the western flank of the fire. Work will continue on improving existing contingency lines with heavy equipment, and they will also be scouting for locations to establish additional contingency lines to the north. Holding and mop-up operations will continue.

Firefighters assigned to the **Bullpup and Fuller fires** will continue working to keep the fires within the control lines along roads and dozer lines. Work will continue on improving control lines along the 300 and 200 road systems. Handline construction will continue between the 300 and 380 roads. Crews will patrol the fire along the 5851 Road as the fire moves downslope and is stopped along the road. On the **Reynolds Butte Fire**, mop-up operations have made great progress to the point where the fire will likely be put in a patrol status in the near future, requiring minimal staffing. This will allow other resources working the fire to be reallocated to more active fires on the complex. **Lost Bucket Fire (34 ac.)** was contained on July 29 and remains in a patrol status.

Today's weather: Showers and severe storm development is possible. Wetting thunderstorms in the area with increasing clouds along with gusty winds and hail are possible. A Red Flag Warning has been issued in tandem with lightning potential. Flash flooding and debris flows are possible. Patchy clouds early, mostly clear skies in the afternoon. Smoke/haze will persist in the drainages and sheltered areas. Temperature highs in the mid-70s to 80s in the valleys, and upper 60s to mid-70s for upper elevations. Winds will be terrain driven in the morning, then changing to upper northwest winds 5 to 9 mph.

Current forest fire restrictions and danger ratings are:

Fire Danger Rating: Very High

Industrial Fire Precaution Levels (IFPL): 3

Public Use Fire Restrictions (PUR): 3

CLOSURES:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Roseburg District, has issued a closure order for portions of BLM land which border the Umpqua National Forest Emergency Fire Closure north of Steamboat. The closure order can be viewed here:

<https://www.blm.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2024-07/orwa-fpo-rbg-072624.pdf>.

The Umpqua National Forest has Emergency Fire Closures in place impacting every district of the forest. <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/umpqua/alerts-notices>.

Fire Prevention:

Even with cooler weather, the vegetation is still dry and very susceptible to an unwanted fire start. Please continue to use extreme caution when recreating and working outdoors. 9 out of 10 wildfires nationally are started by a human, mostly all accidental. It only takes one spark!