Southwest Area Complex Incident Management Team TEAM 2 – John Truett – Incident Commander



Acres: 137,222 acres **Start Date:** July 13, 2024

Cause: Under Investigation Fuels: Timber, Understory, Grass

Containment: 83% Resources: 392

Lone Rock Fire Update: Friday, August 2nd, 2024 Red Flag Warning forecasted for today, hot and dry this weekend.

Highlight: A Red Flag Warning is in effect from 11 AM to 9 PM PDT Friday. A Red Flag Warning means that critical fire weather conditions are either occurring now or will shortly. Though these conditions are unlikely to affect current containment lines, the combination of strong winds, low relative humidity, and above normal temperatures will bring an increased potential for new fire starts. A crew dedicated to attacking new fire starts will be standing by and is ready to respond if needed.

Overview: Despite yesterday's increase in temperature, fire behavior on the Lone Rock Fire remained favorable for crews continuing to extinguish hotspots, perform mop-up, and reduce remaining hazards. Crews continued to patrol and monitor the containment line and focused the bulk of suppression work in the more active, middle section of the fire's perimeter. There is no change in operational objectives planned for today.

The public is recommended to remain cautious today and through the weekend with the existing critical fire weather conditions. Taking individual responsibility to reduce wildfire risk while working or recreating around homes and communities before a fire occurs can help keep property, the public, and firefighters safe.

Weather: The hot and dry conditions will allow remaining heat sources to either burn out and self-extinguish or begin active creeping, potentially resulting in isolated torching within the mixed conifer. Over the weekend, moisture moving into the area should result in increased cloud cover and moderate humidity values, but with only a slight chance of precipitation and a potential for dry lightning.

Evacuations: There are no Level 3 evacuations in place for the Lone Rock Fire.

- For **Gilliam County** evacuation information, visit Gilliam County Sheriff's Office Facebook page.
- For Wheeler County evacuation information, visit Wheeler County Sheriff's Office Facebook page.
- For Morrow County evacuation information, visit Morrow County Sheriff's Office Facebook page.

Closures:

- For updated road closure information, visit https://www.tripcheck.com/.
- Umatilla National <u>Forest Order Number 06-14-02-24-02</u> includes prohibitions within the Heppner Ranger District on the Umatilla National Forest.
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Prineville District Office issued an <u>Emergency Public Land Closure</u> on BLM-managed lands along the main stem John Day River and along the North Fork John Day River from Kimberly, Ore. to Dale, Ore.

Fire Information: 541-208-4369 from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. – 2024.0404rylonerock@firenet.gov

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