

# 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 6,630 acres, with 647 people assigned. The containment percentages vary per fire. The Middle Fork Fire in the northwest corner of Crater Lake National Park has 34 people assigned, but the Diamond Complex is sharing resources as needed. **Crater Lake National Park remains open.**

Due to many fires in the Pacific Northwest and nationwide, resources remain prioritized to address those most threatening critical values, including life, property, transportation, hydropower infrastructure and developed recreation areas.

## OPERATIONS:

**Middle Fork Fire** (2,527 acres, 1% contained): Fire growth to the north and northeast is expected today. West of the fire, masticators continue working along Wizard Creek to tie into the 6530 road that runs parallel to Highway 230. To the northeast, dozers and masticators are constructing line and opening road systems. Crews will begin laying hoses and pumps along many of these lines. The intent is to stop the Middle Fork's northward spread and confine it within the park. 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** (Due to pilot work/rest requirements, no IR flight for new acreages was done last night)  
**Pine Bench Fire** (North of Hwy 138 near Dry Creek, 2,148 acres, 15% contained): The south portion of the eastern fire perimeter is looking secure. Masticator and dozer operators are constructing indirect line northeast of the fire and crews have installed hoses and pumps along a portion of this line. On the west side, masticator operators are working up the 4760 road on the edge of the west side of the Wilderness to clear vegetation. Crews cleared vegetation along a dozer line on the south edge of the Wilderness to the fire's edge. Additional road systems are being prepped on the east as a contingency line to protect infrastructure at Toketee Falls if needed.

**Potter Fire** (North of Hwy 138, two miles southeast of Potter Mountain, 1316 acres, 0% contained): Infrastructure protection, including fuels mitigation and structure wrapping is nearing completion and will remain in place should the fire impact it. Fire managers are scouting ridges and road systems for fireline opportunities.

**Trep Fire** (About four miles south of Hwy 138, 257 acres, 0% contained): On Monday, dozers constructed a line around fire that slopped to the east. Crews are installing hoses and pumps along that line to cool the fire's edge. Crews will tie the dozer line into the 600 road system to the south and into a ridgeline. Fire managers hope to have control line around the entire fire in the next few days. Helicopters doing water drops will be used as needed.

**Lost Fire** (Northeast of the Trep Fire, 40 acres, 0% contained): Yesterday, helicopters were used to conduct water drops and they will be used again today. Heavy equipment operators are constructing a dozer line on the north side, and firefighters are opening road systems to access the bottom.

**Ooya Fire** (North of Hwy 138, one mile northeast of Bird Point, 188 acres, 0% contained): The fire crossed a road to the south, where it had been hung up. Firefighters were able to catch this slop and have been mopping it up. Crews are also opening roads to the northeast. Sawyers are cutting down hazard trees ahead of additional firefighters arriving so they can access and fight the fire directly.

**Brodie Fire** (Five miles south of Hwy 138, south of Devils Canyon, 141 acres, 0% contained): Firefighters are having success on this fire, with control line almost entirely around it. Fire managers hope to secure this fire in the next several days so they can move resources to higher-priority fires.

**Lemolo Fire** (North of Lemolo Lake on Bunker Hill, 1247 acres, 20% contained): Yesterday firefighters attempted strategic firing operations on the south side, but the conditions still weren't conducive to completing this work.

**Trail Fire** (East of Hwy 138 on the west slope of Mt. Thielsen, 843 acres, 40% contained): This fire is currently unstaffed and will be patrolled from the air. The contained area is on the west side along Highway 138.

**Watson Fire** (237 acres, 50% contained): This fire is currently staying within its footprint.

**Loafer Fire** (40 acres, 50% contained): Fire managers checked the status of this fire yesterday.

**Other fires within the Diamond Complex:**

**Bear Trap Fire** (Two miles south of Hwy 138 near Bear Trap Mountain, 64 acres, 50% contained)

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

**Rough Fire** (11 acres, 25% 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)

**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 Fire** (0.7 acre), **Birds Fire** (0.1 acres), **Dog Fire** (0.1 acres)

**WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR:** Today will see a bigger uptick in fire activity than yesterday due to the continued warming and drying trend. However, there will not be significant wind. Areas of smoke may have an impact on fire behavior, cooling temperatures slightly and keeping humidity higher than expected.

**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/](http://fire.airnow.gov/)

**CLOSURES, RESTRICTIONS, EVACUATIONS:** Umpqua National Forest has issued two closures across the forest in response to fire activity to protect public and wildland firefighter safety. Emergency Fire Closure ORDER NO. 06-15-24-03 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-notices](http://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://tinyurl.com/PublicUseRestrictions>

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office downgraded the evacuation order for the Trail Fire from a **Level 2: BE SET** to a **Level 1: Get Ready**, but the **Level 3: GO NOW** remains in effect for the Trail Fire east of Hwy 138. The **Level 2: BE SET** for the Lemolo Fire has been downgraded to a **Level 1: Be Ready**, but the **Level 3: GO NOW** remains in effect for the Lemolo Fire northeast of Lemolo Lake. There is still a **Level 2: BE SET** for the Pine Bench Fire. For an interactive map of evacuations, visit the Douglas Co. Sheriff's Office website: [www.dcsso.com/evacuations](http://www.dcsso.com/evacuations)