

# Willamette Complex North Daily Update



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**SPECIAL NOTE:** State Route OR-126 has reopened today from mile marker 13 East.

**CURRENT SITUATION:** Conditions will be slightly cooler with higher humidity today, again leading to reduced fire activity and spread probability, with increased chances of a wetting rain through today and into Friday night. A warming and drying trend is expected later this coming weekend into next week.

**Ore Fire: 7 miles Northeast Blue River, 3,140 Acres, 16% Contained, 668 Total Personnel, Human Caused.** Day and night shift resources continue to secure containment lines. Current weather and fuel conditions do not support additional firing operations which are required to continue to increase the fire perimeter containment. Crews on the northeastern fire area will continue to construct and improve containment lines, while crews on the east and west fire areas continue to strengthen existing and create new contingency lines. The southwestern and southeastern areas remain solid barriers to fire spread.

**Pyramid Fire: East of Middle Santiam Wilderness, 1,312 Acres, 88% Contained, 315 Total Personnel, Lightning Caused.** On the west and northwest area of the fire, work continues to build fire line between the fire area and the wilderness area. The roadside wood and brush chipping, removal of fire fuels and wood debris is ongoing, and crews continue to secure containment lines and clean up outlying contingency lines. A contingency line is a secondary or alternate strategic fire line, which is created as a back up to the primary fire line, based on current needs and conditions. Firefighters are also working to strengthen existing fire breaks along roads by removing brush and smaller trees to widen a fuel break. Cleared vegetation may be chipped on site or hauled away for utilization.

**CLOSURES & FIRE RESTRICTIONS UPDATE:** Please refer to the Linn County Fire Map for current status. (Please see below).

Area, road, trail, and recreation site closures are in effect on the Willamette National Forest. Specific information is posted at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/willamette/alerts-notice/?aid=61574>. Please see [Pyramid Fire Area Closure Forest Order](#) and the [Ore Fire Area Closure Forest Order](#).

Due to long term hot and dry conditions, all campfires, charcoal fires, pellet fires, or any other open fires are [prohibited](#), including in developed campgrounds and wilderness areas. Pressurized liquid or gas stoves, lanterns, and heaters that can be switched on and off are allowed. Please see [Forest Order 06-18-00-24-27](#) for additional information.

**ROADS:** When traveling in the area, please be mindful of firefighters and their vehicles working near roads. Please visit the [Oregon Department of Transportation website](#) for current road conditions.