

# Willamette Complex North

## Daily Update

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## There will be a situation update live broadcast on the above listed Facebook pages at 6:30 pm Thursday August 29

**SUPPRESSION OBJECTIVES:** The Ore Fire and the Pyramid Fire remain under a full suppression strategy to protect values at risk, including the Middle Santiam Wilderness and private timberlands. Firefighters continue to scout for favorable conditions to engage in direct fire suppression, and strategic indirect work as needed.

**CURRENT SITUATION:** With the warmer conditions in the next few days as skies will be clear, humidity will be low, increasing the potential for fire activity within the perimeters through the week. Increased smoke may be visible from surrounding areas. Crews are working to improve containment lines, contingency work and addressing hot spots along the containment 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. Pockets of heat from dense fuels remain within the interior of the fires

**Ore Fire: 7 miles Northeast of Blue River, 3,152 acres, 28% contained, 627 total personnel, human caused.** Crews continue to scout viability of direct hand line construction, mop up, and secure containment lines. Overnight crews continue to patrol and secure containment lines. On the northwest and northeastern corners of fire containment lines were strengthened and improved. Hot spots along the patrol routes were doused. Contingency resources are working on fuel break improvements, chipping, masticating, and improving handline construction.

**Pyramid Fire: East of Middle Santiam Wilderness, 1,312 Acres, 98% contained, 205 total personnel, lightning caused.** Firefighters are working on roadside fuel removal and brush chipping. Crews are securing containment lines and fortifying outlying contingency lines. Firefighters continue to strengthen existing fire breaks along roads by removing brush and smaller trees. Yesterday firefighters identified interior hotspots and used helicopter water drops to help contain them.

**CLOSURES & FIRE RESTRICTIONS UPDATE:** Numerous 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-notices/?aid=61574>. Please see [Pyramid Fire Area Closure Forest Order](#) and the [Ore Fire Area Closure Forest Order](#).

**Everyone is reminded to stay out of all fire closures for firefighter and general safety. Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000.** 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.