

Willamette Complex North Daily Update

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A virtual public meeting will be broadcast live on the above listed Facebook pages at 6:30 pm today.

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 are looking for opportunities to build direct fire line, and strategic indirect containment line as needed.

CURRENT SITUATION: Warmer, drier weather in the next three days is expected to increase fire behavior. Meteorologists predicted sustained winds of 20-25 miles per hour on ridgetops within the incident area overnight, leading to increased night patrols and additional engines assigned to monitor and mop-up any wildfire spread near the fire line overnight. Crews are improving containment lines by reducing fuels through mastication, chipping wood, and hauling fuel to landings away from the fire. Firefighters are also constructing additional direct fire line to improve fire containment. Pockets of heat in dense fuels remain within the interior of the fires and teams are developing plans to attack the fire in its steepest and hardest to access areas.

Ore Fire: 7 miles Northeast of Blue River, 3,155 acres, 28% contained, 639 total personnel, human caused. More personnel patrolled the line and found few active hot spots in the areas of concern they investigated. Smoke was located within 100 feet of the line in 1 area and fire crews extinguished it. Air operations made thirty-three bucket drops and performed reconnaissance work to monitor the fire. Firefighters made major progress in fuels reduction yesterday, completing hauling on the 130 road and hazardous fuel removal processing on the 877 road. Crews are reducing fuels on the 1509 road.

Pyramid Fire: East of Middle Santiam Wilderness, 1,312 Acres, 98% contained, 208 total personnel, lightning caused. Fuels reduction work went smoothly yesterday. Firefighters will strengthen existing fire breaks along roads by removing brush and smaller trees that could serve as ladder fuels near the fire lines. Firefighters investigated possible areas of heat near the line and surveillance of the fire's edge did not find anything of concern.

CLOSURES & FIRE RESTRICTIONS UPDATE: Fire closure orders changed yesterday on the Pyramid Fire. Willamette National Forest closures for all fires can be found here: [Willamette National Forest - Alerts & Closures \(usda.gov\)](#) Specific closure maps for the Pyramid Fire can be [found here](#). Specific closure maps for the Ore Fire can be [found here](#).

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.

