

Southwest Area Incident Management Team

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Warner Peak Fire Update Daily Update August 17, 2024

Acres: 65,002 Start Date: 08/05/24 Location: Lake County, OR Personnel: 462

Containment: 60%

Highlights: Crews continue to make progress building and strengthening containment lines. Yesterday's cooler temperatures and higher relative humidity helped moderate fire activity and smoke. Due to predicted hotter, drier conditions over the next few days, with high winds and gusts over 50 mph in some areas, expect to see more active fire and smoke in the area.

Fire Activity: Suppression progress continues, and containment lines are holding well on the east and north portions of the fire. Firefighters have been extinguishing hot spots particularly, in the southwestern and western portions of the fire. Hot spots on the south and southwest portions of the fire that may have been smoldering and undetected in the last couple of days under the moderate weather conditions, will be easier to identify as fire behavior is expected to increase with today's hotter and drier weather conditions. T

Today's focus will be to continue direct attack on the western and southern perimeters. Additionally, crews will be watching the eastern portion of the fire closely because, while no hot spots have been detected along the perimeter, the strong gusty winds could carry embers from the interior. Aviation resources may be limited due to the weather forecast for strong gusts.

Closures: The Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge is closed for public and firefighter safety.

In coordination with the Southwest Area Incident Management Team, the Lake County Sheriff's Office has issued evacuation orders for the Hart Mountain area in support of firefighting efforts on the Warner Peak Fire. For detailed information visit www.lakecountyor.org.

Weather: A Red Flag Warning has been issued for this afternoon. Sustained winds of 26-30mph and gusts over 50mph are forecast. Humidities will decrease to 11%.

Smoke: Wildfire smoke from the Warner Peak Fire may impact the community of Plush and surrounding areas. Go to www.airnow.gov to see the latest smoke conditions in your community.

More Information:

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