



FIRE UPDATE



COTTAGE GROVE COMPLEX
LANE 1 FIRE

Fire Information Links:
<https://linktr.ee/odfteam1>

Daily Update: August 18, 2024

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Rainy weather challenges firefighting efforts, provides opportunities

COTTAGE GROVE, Ore. – More than one inch of rain fell on the Cottage Grove – Lane 1 Fire Saturday afternoon during passing thunderstorms. These storms produced abundant lightning across western Oregon throughout the day.

As a safety precaution, firefighters left the fireline as thunderstorms passed through the area. Despite these challenging firefighting conditions, including a threat of flash flooding, containment increased today to 55%.

During Sunday morning’s briefing Incident Commander Joe Hessel encouraged firefighters to capitalize on the rain, “Mother Nature has handed us an opportunity we don’t get in August very often, today’s a good day to grub out hot spots and do some really good work.”

Firefighters returning to the fireline today will assess the fire conditions to determine the need for patrol, additional perimeter mop up, or repair work. Saturday’s rain reduced the fire behavior, making it more difficult to find areas of heat and fire. Handheld infrared cameras will be used to detect hotspots to be extinguished.

The increased containment and transition to mop-up and repair operations allows for the reassignment of nightshift resources to dayshift and to be released for possible reassignment to other incidents.

Resources from the incident are available to support initial attack on new incidents in the area, supporting firefighters from local agencies.

Despite significant rain in the area, fire restrictions are still in effect. Fire restriction links for the Umpqua National Forest, Oregon Department of Forestry, Douglas Forest Protective Association, and the Bureau of Land Management are listed below.

Closures: Due to the wildfires, the Umpqua National Forest has issued two closures impacting every district of the forest. Cottage Grove Ranger District is closed. Closure Orders and maps can be found here: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/umpqua/alerts-notice>.

FIRE AT A GLANCE

Total Size:	25,250 acres
Total Containment:	55%
Cause:	Lightning
Estimated Cost:	\$45,250,000

County Evacuations

Lane County Sheriff’s Office has issued evacuation notices, info and maps available here:
www.LaneCountyOR.gov/Lane1Fire

Road Closures

For road closures, visit:
<https://www.tripcheck.com>

Public Land Closures

See page 2 for closure details.

Fire Restrictions

ODF: www.oregon.gov/odf/fire/pages/restrictions.aspx

DFPA:
<https://www.dfpa.net/public-fire-restrictions>

All Resources

Hand Crews:	42
Engines:	42
Water Tenders:	41
Dozers:	8
Helicopters:	6
Total Personnel:	1,387

ODF Incident Commander:

Joe Hessel
Incident Management Team 1

The Bureau of Land Management has issued the following emergency closure for Lane County:
<https://www.blm.gov/announcement/bureau-land-management-expands-emergency-fire-closure-due-cottage-grove-lane-1-fire>

The following County roads are closed except to owners of private lands accessed from these roads: Brice Creek Road east of Umpqua National Forest Boundary, all of Sharps Creek Road.

Evacuations: A "Level 3" evacuation notice is in effect for the Bohemia Mining District and Fairview Peak. An evacuation map is available at: www.LaneCountyOR.gov/Lane1Fire.

Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR): A "TFR" is in place at an altitude from the surface up to and including 8500 feet, daily (24 hours) until further notice. Complete information is available at https://tfr.faa.gov/save_pages/detail_4_5180.html. Flying a drone near or around a wildfire compromises the safety of pilots and interferes with firefighting efforts.

Fire Restrictions: Umpqua National Forest restrictions can be found online – <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/umpqua/fire>

Bureau of Land Management can be found online – [Fire Restrictions - Oregon-Washington Bureau of Land Management \(blm.gov\)](https://www.blm.gov)

Oregon Department of Forestry restrictions can be found here – <https://www.oregon.gov/odf/fire/pages/restrictions.aspx>

Douglas Forest Protective Association restrictions can be found here – <https://www.dfpa.net/public-fire-restrictions>