



Southwest Area Incident Management Team

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Warner Peak Fire Update Daily Update August 18, 2024

Acres: 65,411

Location: Lake County, OR

Containment: 67%

Start Date: 08/05/24

Personnel: 371

Highlights: Containment lines held yesterday as high winds and red flag conditions tested areas of heat that became visible with the conditions. The fire did not make any significant runs or spot over the established perimeters. The increased acreage is due to more accurate mapping and areas burning within the containment lines.

Fire Activity: Firefighters continue patrolling and extinguishing any sources of heat near containment lines. Crews and equipment will focus on suppression repair efforts along the northern and eastern perimeters, returning areas, such as fire lines, to as natural state as possible. Hot spots on the south and southwest portions of the fire that may have been smoldering and undetected were visible as fire behavior increased with yesterday's hotter and drier weather conditions.

Today, while there is no forecasted fire weather warning, we expect near critical conditions. Perimeter growth is not expected, but high winds and low relative humidities will increase burning, especially interior pockets of under burned fuel. Crews will continue direct attack on the western and southern perimeters. As winds increase in the late afternoon eastern portions of the fire could see increased activity as embers are blown from interior burning. Aviation resources may continue to 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: Overnight there was continued gusty winds especially on the ridgelines. Elevated fire weather concerns with gusty winds and humidity in the low teens but falls short of warning criteria. Gusty winds are expected for much of the day on the ridgelines with gusts nearing 40mph. Valley locations will see slightly lower values with gusts to 30mph.

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.

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