



Southwest Area Incident Management Team

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Warner Peak Fire Update Daily Update August 19, 2024

Acres: 65,866

Location: Lake County, OR

Containment: 85%

Start Date: 08/05/24

Personnel: 353

Highlights: Another day of challenging winds testing the containment lines. More interior pockets of fuel burning became visible to firefighters on the ground allowing them to engage directly. The entire western flank of the fire is now contained. Crews will continue to patrol and monitor for any signs of heat near the new containment.

Fire Activity: Crews continue patrolling and extinguishing any sources of heat near containment lines. Larger pieces of fuel continue to slowly smolder within the perimeter of the fire. Areas of heat on the south and southwest portions of the fire may continue to show activity as fire behavior increased with yesterday's hotter and drier weather conditions. Fire personnel from the local unit began shadowing incident management team members yesterday to share information on the progress of containment and suppression repair efforts.

Today, relative humidity will be in the single digits as we expect another day of near critical fire conditions. The low relative humidities will increase the chances of active fire behavior, especially interior pockets of unburned fuel. As winds increase in the late afternoon eastern portions of the fire could see increased activity as embers are blown from interior burning. Crews will also be prepared to respond to any new fire starts in the area as fire behavior of a new start could be extreme.

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 humidity was unusually low. Elevated fire weather concerns with gusty winds and humidity in the single digits for today. 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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