

Fire Update – Ore Fire

Wednesday, August 7, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

Rocky Mountain Complex Incident Management Team 1

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Special Note: There will be a community meeting for the Ore Fire, Willamette Complex (Oakridge Lightning Fires), Slate Fire, and Pyramid Fire on Thursday August 8th at 6:00 pm. The meeting will take place at the Thurston High School Auditorium at 333 58th St, Springfield. In addition, California Incident Management Team 13 will be shadowing Rocky Mountain CIMT1 today and they will be assuming management of the Ore, Pyramid, and Slate Fires tomorrow. Moving forward, the Ore, Pyramid, and Slate Fires will be collectively referred to as the North Zone of the Willamette Complex.

Current Situation: The Ore Fire is one of 10 fires being managed by Rocky Mountain CIMT1, all of which are on the Willamette National Forest. Primary containment lines have been completed around the fire and secondary control lines are nearly complete. Crews and heavy equipment will continue to strengthen these lines by removing trees, snags and other fuels. Firefighters will continue securing, monitoring, and patrolling these lines as warm and dry conditions continue over the next few days.

Division A: Crews continue to secure and patrol the completed containment line along the southwest side of the fire.

Division D: Crews continue utilizing strategic firing operations to reinforce containment lines along the northwest side of the fire tying in with divisions A and J. The 1509 Road continues to be the priority containment line with secondary lines being constructed.

Division J/W: The majority of the work being completed in these divisions consists of completing and securing contingency lines with heavy equipment using the 1513 and 1509 roads on the north side of the fire.

Division Z: Crews continue to strengthen contingency lines across the division while monitoring and patrolling primary firelines. Firefighters are closely monitoring fire behavior with continued warm and dry conditions.

Weather & Fuel Conditions: Warm and dry conditions are forecasted through the end of the week with the hottest and driest predicted for today. Temperatures will be in the mid-80s and humidity will fall between 20-30%. Winds will remain light and variable throughout the day. Increased fire activity is possible as the warmer conditions dry out fuels on the fire. Tomorrow will bring some relief with cloudier conditions predicted throughout the day.

Evacuations, Closures, and Fire Restrictions: Area, road, trail, and recreation site closures are in place on the Willamette National Forest in the vicinity of many active fires. Temporary road barricades are in place to restrict traffic across the fire areas. For specific closure information follow this link: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/willamette/alerts-notices/?cid=fseprd552029>

Fire restrictions on the Willamette National Forest may be found at this link: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/willamette/alerts-notices/?aid=81487>

Daily Smoke Outlook reports can be found at this link: <https://outlooks.airfire.org/outlook/ed63b240>

Wildfires are a no-fly zone for unauthorized aircraft, including drones. **If you fly, we can't.** For more information, visit <http://knowbeforeyoufly.org>.

Ore Fire Statistics: Size: 2,221 acres Containment: 29% Total Personnel: 173 Location: 7 Miles NE of Blue River, OR Reported: 07/17/2024 Cause: Undetermined	For More Information: Information Phone: (541) 208-1262 Email: 2024.ore@firenet.gov InciWeb: https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/orwif-ore-fire Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/OreFireInformation2024 Linktree: https://linktr.ee/2024_Willamette_Complex
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