



Willamette Complex North

Ore Fire

Incident Update

Date: Friday, August 9, 2024

FIRE INFORMATION

Public Phone: 541-208-1262

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily

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SOCIAL MEDIA

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CURRENT SITUATION

As of today, the Pyramid, Slate and Ore Fires will be collectively referred to as the Willamette Complex North.

ORE FIRE

Blue River, 2,221 Acres, 29% Contained, 148 Total Personnel, Under Investigation

With dry conditions and increased fire behavior yesterday, crews focused on improving containment lines and securing the fire perimeter. Crews continued to monitor fire behavior overnight. On the western side of the fire, critical fire line was completed along the 1509 Road and crews will continue to reinforce, widen, and improve depth over the coming days. Along the eastern side of the fire perimeter, lateral movement pushed fire towards the ridgeline. The fire is expected to continue backing and flanking towards creeks and ridgelines today. Across the fire, crews will also continue construction of indirect fire line and prepare for firing operations.

WEATHER & FIRE BEHAVIOR

Milder conditions today than yesterday with increasing marine influence. Predicted maximum temperature is 86 to 90 °F in the valleys and 80 to 84 °F on the ridgetops. Predicted minimum relative humidity is 36 to 42 percent in the valleys and 42 to 48 percent on the ridgetops. Conditions will continue to moderate over the next several days. Even so, fire behavior potential will continue to be high because heavy fuels are dry and heavy fuel moistures are slow to change. Enhanced northwest winds will mix out smoke in the afternoon today. Smoke and air quality conditions are available on: [AirNow.gov](https://airnow.gov)

EVACUATIONS, CLOSURES & FIRE RESTRICTIONS

On July 17th, the Linn County Sheriff's Office, in coordination with the Willamette National Forest, issued a Level 3: Go Now Evacuation Alert for the closure area affected. Please refer to the Linn County Fire Map <https://tinyurl.com/LinnCoFireMap> for full details of the issued evacuation area (which will appear in red). To sign up for evacuation alerts, visit <https://www.linnsheiff.org/>.

Area, road, trail, and recreation site closures are in effect in the Willamette National Forest. Specific information is posted at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/willamette/alerts-notices/?aid=61574>.

Fire restrictions are in effect for Willamette National Forest. Read the complete restrictions at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/willamette/alerts-notices/?aid=81487>.

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

SPECIAL NOTE

Smokey Bear turns 80 years old today! Since 1944, Smokey has educated millions of Americans on the importance of wildfire prevention, mitigation and suppression.