

Fire Update – Pyramid and Slate Fires (Willamette Complex)

Saturday, August 3, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

Rocky Mountain Complex Incident Management Team 1

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Special Note: Today, management of the Pyramid and Slate Fires transitioned to Rocky Mountain Complex Incident Management Team 1.

Pyramid Fire (1,195 acres, 31% contained)

Division A and E: Crews have been and will continue to improve direct and indirect control lines, cleaning up dozer line edges to hold the fire as it continues to move slowly toward the control lines.

Division Y: Continued securing the fire perimeter and strengthening and securing control lines. Progress in direct fire line construction in this area has been slowed by steep, rugged terrain and dense vegetation, particularly dense standing dead trees that are a risk to firefighter safety. Firefighters will continue to construct direct control line where it is safe to do so.

Slate Fire (91 acres, 99% contained)

Fire crews increased containment on the Slate Fire yesterday to near full containment. Today, firefighters will continue to focus on achieving full containment, focusing efforts in a wet and marshy area. They will continue to patrol and improve control lines along the entire fire perimeter.

Weather and Fire Behavior:

Cloudy skies today with increased stability, a high temperature of 73 to 83 °F, and a minimum relative humidity of 40 to 55 percent, depending on elevation. A slight chance of dry thunderstorms is predicted early this morning. Fire activity is moderate today but spotting potential continues to be a challenge for firefighters. Tomorrow, clear skies return, and along with it, increased fire behavior potential. Smoke and air quality conditions are available on: AirNow.gov

Evacuations:

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.linnsheriff.org/>.

Closures and Fire Restrictions:

Area, road, trail (including the PCT), 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-notice/?aid=61574>.

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

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