Fire Update – Pyramid and Slate Fires (Willamette Complex)

Sunday, August 4, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

Rocky Mountain Complex Incident Management Team 1

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Information Staffing Hours: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Pyramid Fire (1,260 acres, 31% contained)

Divisions B and E: Yesterday, crews conducted strategic firing operations in several areas to slowly bring fire to indirect containment lines and ensure the fire is contained within the control line perimeter. Crews will continue to use strategic firing operations today as weather allows and will patrol and secure control lines.

Division Y: Yesterday, firefighters focused on removing standing dead trees and constructing indirect control line around one of last week's spot fires to secure the fire perimeter. They also constructed direct control line where it is safe to do so. Priorities will continue to be to construct direct and indirect control line and secure the fire's perimeter.

Slate Fire (91 acres, 99% contained)

Crews have been patrolling the fire by walking the fire's edge to ensure containment remains. They continue to focus on mopping up and adding control line depth. Resources are starting to be released from the Slate Fire to assist with other fires.

Weather and Fire Behavior:

Yesterday, cloudy skies and light rain resulted in minimal fire behavior. Today, and over the next several days, conditions will be sunny, warm and dry, with increasing instability, which will increase fire behavior potential. Predicted maximum temperature is 80 to 90 °F with a minimum relative humidity of 35 to 45 percent. Smoke and air quality conditions are available on: <u>AirNow.gov</u>

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-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.



