Fire Update – Pyramid and Slate Fires

Thursday, August 8, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

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Special Note: Today there is a community meeting for the Pyramid Fire, Slate Fire, Ore Fire, and Willamette Complex (Oakridge Lightning Fires) on Thursday, August 8th at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Thurston High School Auditorium at 333 58th St., Springfield.

Current Situation: The Pyramid, Slate, and Ore Fires are now being managed by California Interagency Incident Management Team 13.

Pyramid Fire (1,331 acres, 31% contained)

Fire behavior continues to be high today, and crews will continue to focus on holding and securing the fire perimeter. Crews have installed and are continuing to utilize sprinkler systems to help to ensure control lines hold. Today, firefighters will be improving control line depth and extinguishing hot spots.

Slate Fire (91 acres, 99% contained)

Firefighters will continue to patrol and secure the fire perimeter today with the objective of keeping the fire within control lines. Suppression repair operations continue on the Slate Fire again today.

<u>Weather & Fuel Conditions</u>: Today will continue to be hot and dry. Predicted maximum temperature is 90 to 94 °F in the valleys and 86 to 90 °F on the ridgetops. Predicted minimum relative humidity is 28 to 34 percent in the valleys and 32 to 38 percent on the ridgetops. Fire behavior potential continues to be high today with potential for spotting and torching. Smoke and air quality conditions are available on: <u>AirNow.gov</u>

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 <u>https://tinyurl.com/LinnCoFireMap</u> for full details of the issued evacuation area (which will appear in red). To sign up for evacuation alerts, visit <u>https://www.linnsheriff.org/</u>.

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

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

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

Pyramid Fire Statistics:		Slate Fire Statistics:	
Size: 1,331 acres Containment: 31%		Size: 91 acres Containment: 99%	Total Personnel: 65
Location: East of Middle Santiam Wilderness		Location: 5 miles SW of Detroit	
Reported: July 17, 2024	Cause: Lightning	Reported: July 23, 2024	Cause: Undetermined

For More Information: Information: (541) 208-1264 Email: <u>2024.pyramid@firenet.gov</u> Linktree (includes InciWeb and Facebook): <u>https://linktr.ee/2024 Willamette Complex</u>