



Willamette Complex South Update

Chalk, Coffeepot, McKinley, Moss Mountain, Tire Mountain, 208, and 217 Fires

Sunday, August 11, 2024

Total Willamette Complex Personnel: 1,273

Total Willamette Complex Acres: 11,875

Resources: 2 Type 3 Engines, 26 Type 6 Engines, 18 Dozers, 15 Masticators

Fire Cause: Lightning

Summary

Although the fires within the Willamette Complex South are not growing much in acreage, they continue to burn actively in areas of heavy dead and down timber. Much work lies ahead to ensure that communities remain safe as these fires persist on the landscape.

Chalk Fire (4,930 acres, 50% containment)

On Saturday, the Chalk Fire remained within its pre-existing footprint due to previous fire suppression efforts. Crews continue to patrol completed containment line on the eastern side of the fire, while strengthening control line on the west. On Sunday, fire managers plan to use uncrewed aerial systems (UAS) to conduct firing operations, as conditions allow, to reduce fuels in the western island.

Coffeepot Fire (5,992 acres, 35% containment)

Successful aerial firing operations removed unburned fuels within an island near the southeastern edge of the Coffeepot Fire. Fire activity remains within the same footprint as crews patrol containment lines. On Sunday, fire managers will look for favorable conditions to burn along the eastern edge of the fire.

Moss Mountain Fire (682 acres, 0% containment)

The Moss Mountain Fire spotted south of Forest Road 2120 as burning fuels rolled downslope. Very heavy fuels burning in steep terrain present hazards to firefighters in this area. Fire managers are working to identify areas where fireline can be constructed safely in conjunction with natural holding features.

208 Fire (186 acres, 0% containment)

The 208 Fire in the Diamond Peak Wilderness continues to exhibit slow growth as it burns in a remote area with sparse fuels. Fire managers will continue to monitor the fire as conditions allow.

217 Fire, Tire Mountain Fire, and McKinley Fire

The 217, Tire Mountain, and McKinley Fires are 100% contained and in patrol status.

Weather and Fire Behavior

On Saturday, less smoke allowed for more sunlight to heat up the region than predicted, keeping fire behavior active. Similar weather is expected on Sunday. A marine air mass is predicted to move in on Monday, with cool, damp weather calming fire activity much of next week.

Evacuations

For evacuation information please visit: <https://www.LaneCountyOR.gov/2024wildfires>

To sign up for evacuation alerts please visit: <https://www.LaneAlerts.org>

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 visit tinyurl.com/WillFireClosures2024.

View current fire restrictions on the Willamette National Forest at tinyurl.com/WillFireRestrictions2024.

Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR) are in place over the Chalk, Coffeepot, and Moss Mountain Fires. Visit tfr.faa.gov for up-to-date areas. Wildfires are a no-fly zone for unauthorized aircraft, including drones. If you fly, we can't. For more information, visit knowbeforeyoufly.org.

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