

HOMESTEAD COMPLEX FIRE UPDATE

Fire Information

Sunday, August 11, 2024

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The Homestead Complex includes seven fires totaling 3,841 acres with an overall containment of 14%. There are 519 personnel currently working on the fire. Fire managers continue directing resources to fires based on threats to property, infrastructure, industry, and areas with the highest probability of success while providing for firefighter and public safety. The fire is being managed by Northwest Incident Management Team 8.

Yesterday, on the No Man (1,465 acres) and Salmon 33 (239 ac.) Fires, crews and heavy equipment continued primary and indirect line construction along the south side of No Man and the west side of Salmon 33. To the northern side of those fires, crews focused on securing line with indirect firing operations from dozer line to the road system and the division break west of No Man and got within 300 feet of their objective as the fire held inside control lines. Night shift then completed that task around 3 a.m. Sunday. On Horse Heaven Creek Fire (1,096 ac.), heavy equipment was brought in from other areas of the complex to focus on road prep and contingency line construction as the fire continued to move north and east. Smoke continues to cause major visibility issues in this area. The Fuller Lake Fire (295 ac.) continued backing down to the 5851 Road on the east side of Fuller Lake. Firefighters used UTV's on the Bullpup Fire (389 ac.) to scout east in the 300 Road area for the expected fire growth toward that control line. Strengthening of the control lines and tree felling operations continue on this fire. On the Reynolds Butte Fire (333 ac), a hot spot off the 210 Road was worked on and secured along the fire's edge.

Today, on the **No Man Fire**, firefighters will be working to hold the now-completed control line on the northern side of the fire and push their progress along the 3821 Road when opportunity allows. Crews are seeking to increase containment to the south and will continue tree-felling operations and road prep to the west along primary control lines. The **Salmon 33 Fire** has shown some minimal growth to the north, and crews today will focus on tying in that portion of line to keep the fire within its footprint. On the **Horse Heaven Creek Fire**, smoke continues to be thick in the area and make for slow progress. Crews will be focusing on the Windy Creek area today, plumbing handline and being prepared for when visibility improves. Contingency line operations are ongoing off the 5850 Road and the 010 spur down the ridgeline to the southeast. On the **Bullpup Fire**, efforts will continue on the eastern flank as fire personnel stay aware of the slow growth northward. **The Fuller Fire** is similarly flanking slowly north and south as crews prioritize cleaning up the 5851 Road. On the **Reynolds Butte Fire**, firefighters have made much progress and are nearing the point of reallocating resources to other parts of the complex. Mopup work will continue along established control lines as crews extend hoselays along completed control lines in support of burnout and mop-up operations. The **Lost Bucket Fire (34 ac.)** was contained on July 29 and remains in a patrol status.

Today's weather will continue to replicate the last few days: sunny skies above the smoke, temperatures in the 70s and low 80s, relative humidity in the 40-50 percent range. Terrain-driven winds during the morning and noon hours will pick up at the higher elevations into the afternoon, with west-northwesterly gusts up to 20 mph possible. Cooler weather is on the horizon, with approximately an 8-degree temperature drop projected for tomorrow and into the next couple of days.

Current forest fire restrictions and danger ratings are:

Fire Danger Rating: Very High Industrial Fire Precaution Levels (IFPL): 3 Public Use Fire Restrictions (PUR): 3

CLOSURES:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Roseburg District, has issued a closure order for portions of BLM land which border the Umpqua National Forest Emergency Fire Closure north of Steamboat. The closure order can be viewed here:

https://www.blm.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2024-07/orwa-fpo-rbg-072624.pdf.

The Umpqua National Forest has Emergency Fire Closures in place. ORDER NO. 06-15-24-05 and ORDER NO. 06-15-02-24-01 can be found here: https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/umpgua/alerts-notices.

Fire Prevention:

Fuels remain dry and accidental fire starts can very easily happen. 9 out of 10 wildfires nationally are started by a human. Remain vigilant and be sure to do your part, it only takes one spark! #onlyyoucanpreventwildfires