



# Copperfield Fire Morning Update



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Fire information resources:

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Chiloquin, Ore. – Crews were able to make significant progress on the fire last night, aided by lower temperatures and higher relative humidity. The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) Team 3 and Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM) Red Team are working in unified command to contain the fire, protect homes as well as critical infrastructure. Additionally, representatives of the Klamath Tribe are working with fire officials to ensure protection to cultural sites and assess if any sites were impacted during the first night of firefighting. Unfortunately, it was discovered that seven primary residences may have been impacted on the first day of the fire along with several outbuildings but are pending assessments of damage by Klamath County Emergency Management and assisted by OSFM.

Today temperatures will begin to warm up, but the high winds firefighters contended with yesterday will significantly calm down. This will allow fire crews to strengthen lines around the fire to try and hold within the present footprint. Structural task forces from Lane, Deschutes, Polk/Marion, Linn, Clatsop, and Washington Counties will be focused on protecting homes near the fire, mopping up around structures, and fortifying critical infrastructure protection measures. Multiple air resources will continue working the fire today, including helicopters and other fixed wing aircraft. As a reminder, drones interfere with aircraft on the fire line, please do not fly drones in the fire area – “If you fly, we can’t”.

Community members and visitors in the area are advised to stay safe and stay informed. Visit <https://www.klamathcounty.org/300/Emergency-Management> for up-to-date information on evacuations and evacuee resources. A road closure remains in effect on the Sprague River Highway between mile markers 5 and 15. Visit [www.tripcheck.com](http://www.tripcheck.com) to get the latest on road closure changes. More information will continue to be posted and shared to the fire information Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CopperfieldFire2024>.

Evacuation shelters have been set up at the Chiloquin Community Center at 140 S 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. in Chiloquin, as well as the Klamath Falls Fairgrounds at 3531 S 6<sup>th</sup> St. in Klamath Falls. Large animals can also be accommodated at the Fairgrounds.

## **FIRE AT A GLANCE**

Estimated Size: 3,656 acres  
Containment: 0%  
Cause: Under Investigation  
Estimated Cost: \$500,000  
Primary residences destroyed: 7  
Other buildings destroyed: 10

### **Evacuations**

[Klamath County Emergency Management](#)

### **Road Closures**

Sprague River Rd from MP 5 to MP 15. For road closure updates, visit: <https://www.tripcheck.com>

### **Resources**

Hand Crews:	3
Engines:	36
Water Tenders:	8
Dozers:	7
Helicopters:	4
Other Fixed:	8
VLAT	1
Total Personnel:	286

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Tyler McCarty

OSFM Incident Commander:  
Ian Yocum