

Copperfield Fire Morning Update







SEPTEMBER 5, 2024 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Fire information resources:

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Chiloquin, Ore. – Yesterday and last night, fire crews expanded the cold black perimeter of the fire, extending hose lines and cooling hot spots along the fire line to achieve 26% containment. Most of the fire growth was due unburnt pockets consuming fuels within the fire lines to assist in containment. Hot spots putting up smoke are still visible within the footprint of the fire, which is being addressed by aircraft water drops as well as crews working further into the main fire. The goal for containment is 100' feet around the perimeter.

Today the focus will be on preparing for a change in weather. Later this afternoon there will be an increase in SE winds, low humidity, and higher temperatures, which will increase the risk of spot fires. Task forces will continue supporting structure protection and mop up in wildland sections of the fire. The wildland crews will continue to strengthen the western perimeter of the fire to hold the present footprint.

The Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM) will be demobilizing two task forces today from Washington and Lane Counties to return to their local fire departments. Today will also be the last full shift for OSFM; the remaining task forces and OSFM Incident Management Team members will return to their home agencies on Friday. ODF Team 3 will remain in command of the fire. Hundreds of wildland resources, along with local resources, will continue mop-up operations, containment efforts, and structure protection.

Evacuation levels will continue to change with the increase of the fire containment. Evacuation levels are determined by the Klamath County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with fire officials and agency administrators. Current evacuation areas and levels can be found at https://www.klamathcounty.org/300/Emergency-Management.

FIRE AT A GLANCE

Estimated Size: 3,802 acres

Containment: 26%

Cause: Under Investigation Estimated Cost: \$3.6 million Primary residences destroyed: 8 Other buildings destroyed: 19

Evacuations

Klamath County Emergency
Management

Road Closures

For road closure updates, visit: https://www.tripcheck.com

Resources

Hand Crews:	17
Engines:	44
Water Tenders:	18
Dozers:	8
Helicopters:	9
Other Equipment:	6
Total Personnel:	644

ODF Incident Commander
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