



Fire start date: September 5, 2024	Location: 5 miles southeast of Tiller		Cause: Undetermined
Fire size: 4,149 acres	Percent Contained: 74%	Incident Commander Bill Neckels	Full Suppression Fire

Devil's Knob Fire Update for Friday, September 20, 2024

KEY MESSAGES:

The Umpqua National Forest lifted all Public Use Restrictions (PURs) and decreased fire danger to Moderate across all districts on Forest land. The Devil's Knob Fire area closure will remain in place as firefighters continue to work towards containment objectives. Beginning at 12:01 am on Monday, September 23, 2024, the Forest will move to Industrial Fire Precaution Level 1 (IFPL).

Management of the Devil's Knob Fire will be transferred to a Type 3 Incident Management Team on Saturday, September 21st at 6:00 pm.

CURRENT STATUS:

Resources: 603; **Crews:** 19; **Engines:** 9; **Dozers:** 1; **Water Tenders:** 7

Aircraft: One Type 1 helicopter, one Type 3 helicopter

Stump holes and buried fuels including tree roots continue burning throughout the fire area. These leave behind pits and voids with hot material veiled by thin layers of soils and ash. Crews will methodically check for concealed underground heat as mop-up operations continue to progress. This process strengthens the line and reduces the risk of the fire escaping it in the future, especially as warm weather continues into fall.

With clearer skies, smoke will be more visible within the fire perimeter. Crews will monitor and extinguish smokes in and heat sources that pose a threat to the fire line. Additional containment is expected today in the Flat Creek drainage and along the 1610 road. Suppression repair activities will be ongoing for four to five more days, which will alleviate impacts to road systems and drainages by dozer and heavy machinery from suppression actions earlier in the incident.

WEATHER / FIRE BEHAVIOR:

High pressure will build over the region today, kicking off a marked warming and drying trend. Temperatures will reach the low 70s today and relative humidity will range between 45-55% in the fire area.

SAFETY AND CLOSURES:

Closures on the Umpqua National Forest can be found at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/umpqua/alerts-notice>.

Umpqua National Forest restrictions can be found at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/umpqua/fire>.

Fire Restrictions for Bureau of Land Management can be found on the [Oregon-Washington blm.gov page](https://www.blm.gov).

Douglas Forest Protective Association restrictions can be found at <https://www.dfpa.net/public-fire-restrictions>.

Oregon Dept. of Forestry restrictions can be found at <https://www.oregon.gov/odf/fire/pages/restrictions.aspx>.

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