

Diamond Complex Incident Update

Monday, September 23, 2024



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Fire Information: linktr.ee/diamond_complex_middle_fork



Size: 11,141 acres

Containment: 90%

Personnel: 276

Resources: 5 crews | 1 helicopter | 10 engines | 3 dozers | 10 water tenders | 2 masticators | 5 excavators

Current Situation: The Diamond Complex includes 33 fires in the Umpqua National Forest, 31 of which are 100% contained. Favorable weather conditions have allowed personnel to nearly complete fire-suppression repair tasks across the Diamond Complex. While fire-suppression repair remains the incident priority, personnel and equipment are also poised to ensure all fires stay within containment lines and are ready to respond to any new fires on Umpqua National Forest lands within the vicinity of the complex.

The Pine Bench Fire has increased to 74% containment. The remaining uncontrolled portion of the fire is in the Boulder Creek Wilderness. Because the fire has not grown outside its current footprint in several weeks and future growth is not anticipated, firefighters are monitoring it by reconnaissance flights. All suppression repair has been completed around the Pine Bench Fire, and resources have been relocated to other portions of the complex.

The Potter Fire has increased to 98% containment with most of the suppression-repair efforts completed. Crews have been working diligently to repair dozer- and hand-constructed control lines, grade roads, and repair creek crossings. Chippers continue to process large amount of slash generated during hazard tree removal. A contingent of equipment has been repairing roads and culverts that have been damaged by fire equipment throughout the tenure of the incident.

The suppression repair process is a vital piece of bringing the forest back to a condition that will be safe for visitors and residents while also preventing soil erosion and damage to streams and waterways. Personnel continue to work together with forest resource advisors to ensure that this rehabilitation is completed appropriately with long-term benefits to the forest.

Over the past week, the incident has slowly started releasing crews and equipment as projects are completed and the threat of fire growth has subsided. Over the coming days, incident management personnel will continue this trend of downsizing as a majority of the fires within the Diamond Complex are fully contained with suppression repair operations completed.

Forest Closure: Umpqua National Forest lands, roads, and trails around the Diamond Complex fires are temporarily closed (with several exemptions) under [Forest Order 06-15-24-07](#). You are responsible for knowing where you are in relation to the closed areas, so be prepared and view the order and map prior to recreating on your public lands.

Fire Restrictions: The Umpqua National Forest has terminated [Public Use Restrictions \(PURs\)](#) and has decreased to Moderate Fire Danger across all districts. As of 12:01 a.m. today, September 23, 2024, the forest has moved to [Industrial Fire Precaution Level \(IFPL\) 1](#).

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