

Diamond Complex Incident Update

Wednesday, September 25, 2024



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Fire Information: linktr.ee/diamond_complex_middle_fork



Size: 11,141 acres

Containment: 90%

Personnel: 236

Resources: 2 crews | 6 engines | 1 dozer | 9 water tenders | 2 masticators | 3 excavators

Current Situation: On Thursday, September 26, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., California Interagency Incident Management Team 14 will transfer command of the Diamond Complex to Northwest Complex Incident Management Team 12, who will also be assuming command of the Homestead Complex.

The Diamond Complex includes 33 fires in the Umpqua National Forest, 31 of which are 100% contained. The two remaining fires in the complex that are not yet fully contained are the Pine Bench Fire (74% contained) and the Potter Fire (98% contained). Neither fire has grown beyond its current footprint in several weeks. Remaining portions of uncontained fire line are either in the Boulder Creek Wilderness or inaccessible due to steep and rugged terrain. Reconnaissance flights over the past several days have revealed only a small number of smoldering heat sources well within the perimeters of these fires. Incident managers are confident that there is no threat of escape or further growth. The incoming incident management team will continue to monitor these fires.

A majority of all post fire-suppression repair work has been completed with the exception of a few remaining control lines to be rehabilitated, slash to be chipped or removed, and road grading to be completed around the fires. A drivable, self-feeding chipper has been brought to the 100 Road in order to rapidly process the large amounts of slash generated during hazard tree removal. This powerful, high-capacity chipping vehicle is run by one operator and has the capability of processing woody debris ranging from brush to large-diameter trees.

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. Throughout today and tomorrow, crews and equipment will be released as they finish their projects, leaving a small number of personnel to complete the remaining suppression-repair operations under the direction of Northwest Complex Incident Management Team 12.

Forest Closure: On September 24, 2024, the Umpqua National Forest reduced its closure areas around the Diamond Complex fires under [Forest Order 06-15-03-24-06](#). 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 \(PURs\)](#), moved to [Industrial Fire Precaution Level \(IFPL\) 1](#), and has decreased to Moderate Fire Danger across all districts.

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