

Diamond Complex and Middle Fork Fire Update

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Fire Information: linktr.ee/diamond_complex_middle_fork



Diamond Complex (Umpqua National Forest)

Size: 11,141 acres

Containment: 86%

Personnel: 425

Resources: 5 crews | 1 helicopter | 8 engines | 4 dozers | 13 water tenders | 3 masticators | 7 excavators

Middle Fork Fire (Crater Lake National Park)

Size: 5,286 acres

Containment: 70%

Personnel: 0

Current Situation: Firefighters, crews, and heavy-equipment operators made great progress in suppression repair operations around the Diamond Complex on Monday. With favorable weather conditions over the past several days, personnel and equipment have been completing repair projects around this large-scale complex. Another weather system with rain is forecasted through Wednesday. Crews plan to continue their operations during this weather event as it is safe to do so.

Diamond Complex: With all the fires being widespread across the diverse forest landscape, personnel and equipment are fanned out in all divisions with suppression repair tasks to complete. Most of the hand-constructed control lines have been repaired. Heavy-equipment operators and hand crew are repairing dozer-constructed control lines and stream crossings. Dead hazard trees are being cut down and removed while wood chippers are processing the slash. Road graders continue to repair wash boarded forest roads while crews clean out and repair culverts and catch basins. The goal of all these important repair operations is to return to the forest and infrastructure to as much of a pre-fire condition as possible by removing fire-suppression features as well as protecting streams and waterways from soil-erosion damage.

The Diamond Complex includes 33 fires in the Umpqua National Forest, 31 of which are 100% contained. The remaining two fires that are not fully contained are the Pine Bench Fire (3,976 acres, 66% contained) and the Potter Fire (3,428 acres, 76% contained).

Middle Fork Fire: At 6:00 p.m. today, California Interagency Incident Management Team 14 will transfer command of the Middle Fork Fire back to Crater Lake National Park. The fire has remained within its current perimeter for an extended period with no further growth expected. The fire is currently unstaffed and in patrol status. All suppression repair related to the incident has been completed. This will be the last update for the Middle Fork Fire. All future information concerning this incident will be disseminated by Crater Lake National Park Public Affairs Officer Marsha McCabe (541-594-3091, marsha_mccabe@nps.gov). Crater Lake National Park is open; however, three fire-related [trail closures](#) are in effect.

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: On the Umpqua National Forest, fire danger is set at High and [Public Use Restrictions Level 2](#) are in effect. Campfires must be in Forest Service constructed fire rings or fireplaces in designated sites and are not allowed in dispersed sites or in wilderness areas.

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