

# Willamette Complex North Update

Boulder Creek, Ore, Linton Creek, Pyramid, 374, and Roundtop fires

**Date:** Tuesday, September 10, 2024

**InciWeb:** <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/orwif-north-willamette-complex>

**New Willamette Complex North Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61565845313387>

**Email:** [2024.WillametteComplex.North@firenet.gov](mailto:2024.WillametteComplex.North@firenet.gov) **Information line:** 541-208-1262 **Hours:** 8 am to 8 pm



**Overview:** Firefighters continue to focus on the new Boulder Creek Fire. Because of successful containment efforts on the Pyramid Fire, crews there have transitioned to other fires in the complex. A road closure continues for a section of OR 242, and a portion of OR 126 is now fully closed. Aircraft will continue to be visible as water is dropped over the fires to support ground crews. Life, property, and resources are top priority in fire suppression efforts.

**Weather:** Increasing clouds and temperatures in the mid-70s today with northwest winds picking up. Boulder Creek could have wind gusts up to 15 miles per hour. Rain is expected by early Wednesday. The rain is not expected to significantly decrease fire activity because the fire is burning in heavy timber.

## **Boulder Creek: 307 acres, 0% contained**

The fire is located 5 miles east of McKenzie Bridge. The fire was active overnight as the fire crossed the 765 Road with fire spotting. Existing shaded fuel breaks will help firefighting efforts. Dozer lines are holding the northwest side. The following area is under a Level 1 (Be Ready) evacuation notice: North of Highway 126 East from the east end of Drury Lane to Old Clear Lake Cutoff Loop. Updates:

<https://www.lanecountyor.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=3585881&pageId=20392052>

## **Ore: 3461 acres, 43.5% contained**

Located 7 miles northeast of Blue River, firefighters continue work near the 1509 Road to secure and clean up below the Ore Creek drainage. Material from fuels reduction will be hauled away to improve and secure fire lines. Tactical firing operations have been successful and still in progress.

## **Linton Creek: 1131 acres, 0% contained**

Located in the Three Sisters Wilderness northeast of Eileen Lake. Firefighters have scouted access points and are gathering intelligence on using existing trail systems to contain the fire. Falling trees are a safety issue for crews.

## **Pyramid Fire: 1,312 Acres, 98% contained**

East of Middle Santiam Wilderness, the Pyramid Fire is holding steady, with plans to continue chipping operations to reinforce containment lines. Much of that material will be hauled away.

## **374: 47 acres, 0% contained**

This fire is also in the Three Sisters Wilderness northwest of Packsaddle Mountain. Both direct and indirect strategies are being initiated due to increased fire activity.

**Roundtop:** Near the 374 Fire and Little Roundtop Mountain. It is a quarter acre and 98% contained.

**Road Closures:** Due to increasing activity on the Boulder Fire, OR 126 is closed between mileposts 13 and 19.5 (intersection with OR 242). OR 242 remains closed to all traffic indefinitely between the intersection with OR 126 and the Dee Wright Observatory (mileposts 55 to 75), in the area of the Linton Creek Fire. Use an alternate route; do not divert onto forest roads to avoid closures. Check for updates at: <https://tripcheck.com/>

**Willamette National Forest Area Closures:** Due to increased fire activity in the McKenzie River Ranger District over the last several days the Linton Creek closure area will be expanded to include Boulder Creek, 374, Little Roundtop, as well as other fires on the Middle Fork Ranger District including Young Grasshopper and Lowell Creek fires. Look for updates at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/willamette/alerts-notice/?cid=fseprd552029>.