

## Homestead Complex Fire Update for Thursday, September 5, 2024

Start Date: July 19, 2024 | Location: 15 miles Northeast of Glide | Total Number of Fires: 7 | Total Personnel: 595 | Total Fire Acreage: 5,926 | Cause: Lightning | Overall Complex Containment: 60%

**Fire Operations Summary:** The predicted hotter and drier weather has arrived and fire managers will be taking advantage of this opportunity to conduct tactical burnout operations on the northernmost fire on the complex, the Horse Heaven Fire. An important objective of the burnout operation is to protect values at risk such as fish and wildlife habitat, commercial forest lands, and other properties. Smoke from the planned burnout, along with smoke from other fires in the region, will move westward due to easterly winds. Air quality can be expected to be moderate overall, potentially increasing to unhealthy at times over the next few days.

Across the fire complex of seven fires, firefighters are working to complete and secure all primary and secondary (contingency) control lines. This work includes using crews and heavy equipment to chip and haul away forest fuels near control lines. Patrol and mop-up operations continue, and suppression repair groups are working to minimize the fire impacts to resources, lands, and facilities resulting from firefighting operations. Firefighters are prepared to do initial attack on any new fire starts within the delegated fire operations area and to support local fire resources.

Three of the seven fires on the complex have now reached 100% containment, the **Salmon 33 Fire** (275 ac.) on August 24, 2024, the **Reynolds Butte Fire** (334 ac.) on August 22, 2024, and the **Lost Bucket Fire** (34 ac.) on July 29, 2024.

On the **No Man Fire (2,072 ac., containment: 28%**), crews are patrolling and mopping-up. Chipping operations are continuing and suppression repair is underway. On the **Horse Heaven Creek Fire (2,304 ac., containment: 64%)**, firing for burnout operations on the north flank is planned, and mop-up and line improvement continues on other areas of the fire. Yesterday, helicopter bucket drops checked-up fire in the northwest corner. On the **Bullpup (473 ac., containment: 17%) and Fuller Lake** fires **(426 ac., containment: 5%)** work to reinforce control lines on the 300 and 200 roads is nearing completion. Yesterday, helicopter bucket drops checked-up fire in the southwest corner of the Fuller Lake Fire. Suppression repair work will continue on the **Reynolds Butte** and **Lost Bucket** fires.

Weather: Very hot and dry conditions can be expected. Temperatures into the 90s. Winds will be light.

## **Closures and Fire Restrictions:**

There is one large closure impacting the Cottage Grove, North Umpqua, and Diamond Lake districts. Emergency Fire Closure ORDER NO. 06-15-24-07: <u>https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/umpqua/alerts-notices/?aid=88996</u>. On August 30, 2024, the Umpqua National Forest decreased Public Use Restrictions (PURs) to Level 2, visit <u>https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/umpqua/news-events/?cid=FSEPRD1202470</u>. For more information on PURs, IFPLs, or other fire management information, visit: <u>https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/umpgua/fire</u>

The closure order issued by Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Roseburg District, for portions of BLM land which border the Umpqua National Forest Emergency Fire Closure north of Steamboat remains in effect: https://www.blm.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2024-07/orwa-fpo-rbg-072624.pdf

There is a Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) over the Homestead Complex Fire. Please remember, if you fly we can't! If a drone or other aircraft enters the air space, all firefighting aviation equipment will be grounded.

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