









# Homestead Complex and Lane 1 Fires Update for Sunday, September 8, 2024

Northwest Complex Incident Management Team 8 has taken over management of the Lane 1 Fire from Alaska Complex Incident Management Team 1 as of 7 AM, Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, along with continuing to manage the Homestead Complex. The Lane 1 Fire is located about four miles north/northwest from two of the fires on the Homestead Complex – the No Man Fire and the Horse Heaven Fire.

### **Homestead Complex Fire**

Start Date: July 19, 2024

Size: 7,671 acres Containment: 60% Personnel: 505

Location: 15 miles NE of Glide, OR

Cause: Lightning

Fire Information: https://tinyurl.com/25vkhfjp

# Lane 1 Fire

Start Date: July 17, 2024

Size: 25,884 acres Containment: 97% Personnel: 195

Location: Approx. 16 miles SE of Springfield, OR

Cause: Lightning

Fire Information: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/29k3nnly">https://tinyurl.com/29k3nnly</a>

The continued warm and dry weather has been producing very active fire behavior on a number of fires within the Homestead Complex, as well as much of the region. Fire managers continue directing limited resources to fires based on threats to property, infrastructure, industry, critical habitat and areas with the highest probability of success while providing for firefighter and public safety.

Crews have been making progress on locating and containing spot fires and/or line slopovers with support from helicopter bucket drops. At the same time, large areas of these fires have been contained and mopped-up and are in "clean-up" and suppression repair stages. This work includes using crews and heavy equipment to chip and haul away forest fuels near control lines. 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.

## **Fire Operations Summary:**

Homestead Complex Fire: On the Horse Heaven Creek Fire (2,539 acres, containment: 64%) yesterday, crews were able to construct control line around all of the spot fires that crossed the 3831 Road with the help of a dozer. A Hotshot crew constructed handline around a slopover that occurred on the first day of firing operations tying it back into establish control lines on the west side of the planned burnout area. Firefighters continued with burnout operations to widen the "black line" – adding depth/width of the burned area to strengthen containment. In the northwest corner, firefighters will be improving on, and building additional indirect line going west from the burnout operation down into the Horse Heaven Creek drainage. The objective is to prevent the fire from moving northwest out of the creek basin.

On the **No Man Fire (2,078 ac., containment: 28%)**, crews are patrolling and mopping-up. Chipping operations are continuing and suppression repair is underway.

On the **Fuller Lake Fire (1,915 ac., containment: 5%)** the fire has progressed north and joined with the **Bullpup Fire (496 ac., containment: 17%)** at its southern flank. The priority objective for fire managers and crews is to keep fire within established control lines located to the north of the Bullpup Fire in order to prevent the fire from progressing toward critical habitat for wild steelhead (the Frank and Jeanne Moore Wild Steelhead Special Management Area). With that priority objective, crews continue to improve and strengthen primary and secondary containment lines to the north and west along the 300 road system, chipping, road cleanup,

### patrolling and mopping-up

On the southern flank of the **Fuller Lake Fire**, fire has progressed south into the Boulder Creek Wilderness Area. The fire has not crossed the primary and secondary containment lines that include the 200 and 300 roads along the west flank of the fire. However, the fire has crossed containment lines in the southeast corner of the fire, including across the 5851 Road. Fire managers are reconning the area further east of the east flank of the fire looking for options to construct additional control lines. Helicopter bucket drops were used to check-up the fire's progression, and were used to conduct aerial reconnaissance of the fire.

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. Suppression repair work will continue on the **Reynolds Butte** and **Lost Bucket** fires.

On the Lane 1 Fire (25,884 ac., containment: 97%), the "green islands" well interior on the fire continue to burn (consume) with no threat to control lines. Suppression repair continues around the fire where control lines no longer needed for containment are returned to a more natural state. The work includes finishing chipping and log hauling operations, and repairing forest road infrastructure. This work will also make it safer for the public once closures to public managed lands are removed.

#### 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: https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/umpqua/alerts-notices/?aid=88996. On August 30, 2024, the Umpqua National Forest decreased Public Use Restrictions (PURs) to Level 2, visit https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/umpqua/news-events/?cid=FSEPRD1202470. For more information on PURs, IFPLs, or other fire management information, visit: https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/umpqua/fire

**Weather:** Warm and dry conditions will continue. Temperatures will approach the 90s. Winds will light from the southeast in the AM and then become northwesterly in the PM. There remains a slight possibility of a shower or isolated thunderstorm.

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: <a href="https://www.blm.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2024-07/orwa-fpo-rbg-072624.pdf">https://www.blm.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2024-07/orwa-fpo-rbg-072624.pdf</a>

There is a Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) over the fires. 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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