

Willamette Complex North Update

Boulder Creek, Ore, Linton Creek, 374 and Pyramid Fires



Fire Update for Sunday, September 22 through Monday, September 23, 2024

Fire updates will be provided for a two-day operational period.

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

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

Email: 2024.WillametteComplex.North@firenet.gov

Information line: 541-208-1262 **Hours:** 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Overview: OR-126 between mileposts 13 and 19.5 is now open for two-lane traffic. OR-242 remains closed to all traffic between the intersection with OR-126 and the Dee Wright Observatory (mileposts 55 to 75). For current road conditions, please check Oregon Department of Transportation's website: <https://www.tripcheck.com/>.

Temperatures are forecasted to increase over the next few days. As our daylight shortens, the north aspect vegetation will continue to become less available to burn. Warmer and drier conditions may lead to a moderate increase in fire behavior on south aspects. Some fire growth is expected; however, all fires are expected to remain within their current footprints. An increase in smoke visibility is possible during these warmer daytime temperatures.

Willamette National Forest Area Closures: Fire-related closures remain in place on the McKenzie River Ranger District, as well as on the Middle Fork Ranger District. Please respect and avoid closed areas of the national forest.

Source: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/willamette/alerts-notice/?cid=fseprd552029>.

Boulder Creek: 523 acres, 34% contained

Located 5 miles east of McKenzie Bridge. More containment has been gained. Crews will continue to monitor, masticate, and chip vegetative material to draw out areas of heat interior of the containment lines and prevent fire spread as the daytime temperatures continue to increase.

Ore: 3,484 acres, 77% contained

Located 7 miles northeast of Blue River. Firefighters continue mastication and chipping operations to remove vegetative fuels from the edge of the containment lines and carry on with repairing other non-essential firelines. As we move into warmer temperatures, this fire will be monitored for pockets of heat and increased fire activity.

Pyramid: 1,312 Acres, 98% contained

East of Middle Santiam Wilderness. Firefighters have removed all hose and water pumps. All chipping and mastication of fuels have been completed. Crews are shifting focus to suppression repair and rehabilitation of non-primary control lines. This fire will continue to be monitored for fire activity as we move into warmer daytime temperatures.

374: 60 acres, 0% contained and Linton Creek: 1,309 acres, 0% contained

Located in the Three Sisters Wilderness. Both fires are remaining within their footprints adjacent to natural barriers and previous fire scars. Fire activity remains low but is expected to increase slightly with rising temperatures. These fires will continue in monitoring status.