

Willamette Complex North Daily Update

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Northwest Team 7 and the Willamette National Forest acknowledge the four-year anniversary of the Holiday Farm Fire and the rest of the Labor Day firestorm that occurred in Western Oregon in 2020.

SUPPRESSION OBJECTIVES: The Ore Fire and the Pyramid Fire remain under a full suppression strategy to protect values at risk, including the Middle Santiam Wilderness and private timberlands. Firefighters are building direct fire line where possible, and strategic indirect containment line as needed.

CURRENT SITUATION: Firefighters continue to make progress, with the Ore fire showing an increase of containment to forty-two percent. Weather continues to moderate over the fire with temperatures decreasing and humidities increasing. However, temperatures will increase by Wednesday and fire behavior may increase into the first week of September. Helicopters dumped over eighty bucket drops to help ground resources work hot and heavy fuels. Air resources will again serve both the Ore and Pyramid fires and the District and Forest for initial attack response.

Ore Fire: 7 miles Northeast of Blue River, 3,296 acres, 42% contained, 644 total personnel, human caused. Unmanned aerial ignitions resumed in the Waterfall Creek drainage on the southwest side of the fire. Firing took place from the 1509 road to cleanup the unburned material that the aerial ignitions could not reach. The spot fire reported on August 30th has required felling of overhead hazards to mitigate risk to firefighters. Firefighters worked towards a fifty-foot mop up from the containment line to be completed by the end of the shift. They will continue to gain more depth in the subsequent operational shifts.

Pyramid Fire: East of Middle Santiam Wilderness, 1,312 Acres, 98% contained, 230 total personnel, lightning caused. Firefighters worked with heavy equipment in a coordinated effort to remove hazardous material away from the fire line. Crews patrolled dozer lines on the west side of the fire to check for and locate any heat sources.

CLOSURES & FIRE RESTRICTIONS UPDATE: Willamette National Forest closures for all fires can be found here: [Willamette National Forest - Alerts & Closures \(usda.gov\)](#) Specific closure maps for the Pyramid Fire can be [found here](#). Specific closure maps for the Ore Fire can be [found here](#).

Everyone is reminded to stay out of all fire closures for firefighter and general safety. Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000. All campfires, charcoal fires, pellet fires, or any other open fires are [prohibited](#), including in developed campgrounds and wilderness areas. Pressurized liquid or gas stoves, lanterns, and heaters that can be switched on and off are allowed. Please see [Forest Order 06-18-00-24-27](#) for additional information.