

Willamette Complex North Daily Update

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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, HJ Andrews Experimental Forest, and private timberlands. Firefighters are building direct fire line where possible, and strategic indirect contingency line as needed.

CURRENT SITUATION: Yesterday's mop-up and patrol operations continued in contained areas of the fire. In areas where prescribed burns were recently performed to provide fuel breaks and secure containment lines, firefighters carefully monitored heat and ignitions in the area, putting them out as needed. More smoke is expected today in the area from heavily active wildfires east of the Cascades. A [fire weather warning](#) has been issued for likely increased wind this evening and tonight.

Ore Fire: 7 miles Northeast of Blue River, 3,296 acres, 42% contained, 643 total personnel, human caused. The containment and size of the fire was unchanged yesterday and fuels reduction work continued using heavy machinery. Night crews will continue to patrol and look for opportunities to take direct action, secure, and mop up as conditions allow. Chipping and processing of fuels progresses throughout the contingency lines.

Pyramid Fire: East of Middle Santiam Wilderness, 1,312 Acres, 98% contained, 247 total personnel, lightning caused. Fuels reduction work will continue as firefighters remove fuels from the fire line and construct contingency lines that will prevent the possible spread as temperatures increase and fire behavior increases in the next two days.

Safety: Heavy equipment and large trucks will be moving down local roads and highways as part of our fuel reduction work. With firefighters driving to the fire line and students returning to school traffic volume has increased. Please stay alert, reduce your speed, and be safe.

Key Message: September 2 was the 60th anniversary of the Wilderness Act's signing. The Pyramid Fire is burning near the Middle Santiam Wilderness, one of [8 wilderness areas](#) on the Willamette National Forest.

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.