Willamette Complex North Daily Update

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Message: The Linton Creek fire started Friday, September 6. California Incident Management Team 13 assumed command at 3pm on Saturday September 7. Currently the fire is estimated at 600 acres and rapidly growing. There is zero percent containment, and cause was determined to be lightning.

Suppression Objectives: The Ore, Pyramid and Linton Creek Fires are full suppression fires. Many different strategies used to protect values at risk, including the Middle Santiam Wilderness, HJ Andrews Experimental Forest, and private timberlands are being implemented. Firefighters are building direct fire line where possible, and strategic indirect contingency line as needed. In addition, heavy equipment, fire retardant, and water dropping air support are being used.

Current Situation: The red flag warning expired Saturday evening and an onshore flow will return today bringing reduced temperatures over the next few days. Tuesday calls for a 60 percent chance of rain with more rain anticipated later in the week. Crews will continue working to secure, patrol, and mop up containment lines. Resources are available to provide initial attack response if additional fires are reported.

Ore Fire: **7 miles Northeast of Blue River, 3,379 acres, 42% contained, human caused.** Firing operations took place last evening to clean-up the Ore creek drainage after extensive preparation. Firefighters will spend today improving the direct and indirect fire lines increasing the buffer along the 1509 road. Operations of chipping and masticating resume and material will be hauled away from the lines. Crews will continue burn operations utilizing UAS to strengthen and add depth to yesterday's operations.

Pyramid Fire: East of Middle Santiam Wilderness, 1,312 Acres, 98% contained, lightning caused. With weather patterns predicted to be more favorable with lower temperatures and higher humidities, work will continue with masticating and chipping on contingency lines. Material created from this work will be hauled away.

Safety: With the start of the Linton Creek fire there is an evacuation order in place around the Three Sisters Wilderness. Please visit <u>Lane County Sheriff's Office</u> for more information regarding the evacuation notice. Please remember to drive defensively and reduce speed when traveling.

Closures & Fire Restrictions: 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 <u>found here</u>.

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 <u>prohibited</u>, 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 <u>Forest Order 06-18-00-24-27</u> for additional information.