

Diamond Complex and Middle Fork Fire Update for September 9-10, 2024

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Diamond Complex

Size: 11,141 acres

Containment: 83%

Personnel: 806

Location: 18 miles SW of Chemult, OR

Start Date: July 19, 2024

Cause: Undetermined

Middle Fork Fire

Size: 5,286 acres

Containment: 70%

Personnel: 29

Location: Crater Lake National Park

Start Date: July 17, 2024

Cause: Undetermined

Visitor and Firefighter Safety, and Fire Restrictions

For everyone's safety, please slow down and drive carefully near firefighter activity.

CLOSED AREAS: Area, road and trail closures remain in place. Do not enter closed areas or drive around barriers. Entire roadways may not be blocked to allow firefighter traffic. Areas are closed due to dangerous conditions like falling trees, heavy equipment and road grading.

Current Fire Situation

The Diamond Complex includes 33 fires in the Umpqua National Forest, 30 of which are 100% contained. Firefighters suppressed a new 0.2-acre fire discovered on Friday. Cooler temperatures and more moisture in the atmosphere are keeping fire behavior minimal. Crews continue suppression repair work on the contained fires, while also patrolling and mopping up remaining areas of interior heat. Despite continued burning of needle cast and snags, all fires are anticipated to stay within current containment lines.

Middle Fork Fire

Firefighters continue to monitor the fire's northeast corner. A crew is repairing control lines along the Pacific Crest Trail, the last suppression repair area that needs to be completed.

Diamond Complex

- **Pine Bench Fire (north of Hwy. 138 near Dry Creek, 3,976 acres, 66% contained):** Firefighters continue to patrol as they have removed all unneeded suppression equipment.
- **Potter Fire (north of Hwy. 138, 2 miles southeast of Potter Mountain, 3,428 acres, 55% contained):** Crews continue to construct primary containment line on the fire's southwest corner using heavy equipment. Firefighters continue to patrol and mop up lingering hot spots in the fire's interior, especially within the Helen Creek drainage. They also are removing unneeded equipment and continuing suppression repair.

Weather and Fire Behavior

Fire behavior is predicted to be minimal as cooler temperatures and higher humidities move into the area. The trend of moderating weather continues on Monday with temperatures in the mid-70s and relative humidity close to 30%. Tuesday will be cooler with highs in the 60s and minimum relative humidity 40%. There is a 70% chance of a wetting rain on Wednesday and high temperatures in the 50s. Rain may continue Thursday morning with a high of 60 degrees.

Smoke Outlook

Smoke from the Diamond Complex and Middle Fork Fires is minimal. However, winds may push smoke from nearby fires into the area causing air quality to be moderate. For more information, visit www.fire.airnow.gov.

Forest Closure and Fire Restrictions

Umpqua National Forest's current closure order allows access to specific roads, trails and campgrounds, which are listed as exemptions in Forest Order 06-15-24-07. Umpqua National Forest has decreased Public Use Restrictions to Level 2. The forest remains in High Fire Danger and Industrial Fire Precaution Levels are at Level 2. For more information, visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/umpqua/alerts-notices/?aid=88996>.

A closure is in place on Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest for the area north and west of Crater Lake National Park along Hwy. 230 south to the intersection with Hwy. 62. The current closure order, map and fire restrictions are available at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/rogue-siskiyou/alerts-notices>.

Park Closure and Fire Restrictions

Crater Lake National Park is open. However, several trail closures are in effect. For details, visit <https://www.nps.gov/crla/planyourvisit/conditions.htm>.

Know before you go. Check the latest conditions and road status to ensure a smooth, enjoyable visit. Updates are available on Oregon Tripcheck at <https://www.tripcheck.com>.

Temporary flight restrictions (TFRs)

A TFR is in place over the Potter and Pine Bench Fires from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. local time. A map is available at https://tfr.faa.gov/save_pages/detail_4_7055.html. Remember, if you fly, we can't.