

Diamond Complex and Middle Fork Fire Update for September 11-12, 2024

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Diamond Complex

Size: 11,141 acres

Containment: 86%

Personnel: 599

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

Incident Management Team Transition

The Southern Area Gold Complex Incident Management Team will transition management of the Diamond Complex and Middle Fork Fire to California Team 14 on Friday, September 13, 2024, at 6 a.m. Incident Commander Debbie Beard thanks the local communities, cooperators and staff of Crater Lake National Park and the Umpqua and Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forests for supporting our firefighters.

Visitor and Firefighter Safety, and Fire Restrictions

For everyone's safety, please slow down and drive carefully near firefighter activity. **Roads will be slick today and debris flows are possible.**

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, 31 of which are 100% contained. Cool temperatures and rain will minimize fire behavior. Crews continue suppression repair work as well as patrolling and mopping up remaining areas of interior heat. All fires are anticipated to stay within current containment lines.

Middle Fork Fire

On Monday, a reconnaissance flight over the fire area revealed no areas of concern. Crews have finished repairing firelines along the Pacific Crest Trail.

Diamond Complex

- **Pine Bench Fire (north of Hwy. 138 near Dry Creek, 3,976 acres, 66% contained):** Firefighters continue to patrol containment lines.
- **Potter Fire (north of Hwy. 138, 2 miles southeast of Potter Mountain, 3,428 acres, 76% contained):** Crews are constructing primary containment line on the fire's southwest corner. They also continue to patrol and mop up interior heat, secure the fire's edge, remove unneeded equipment and complete suppression repair.

Weather and Fire Behavior

Fire behavior will be minimal as rain continues today and into Thursday. Between 0.5 to 1 inch of rain is expected over the fire area. High temperatures in the 50s and lows in the 30s. Friday and Saturday will be cool and dry with high temperatures in the 60s. The chance for additional rain increases moving into Sunday.

Smoke Outlook

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

Forest Closure and Fire Restrictions

The Umpqua National Forest has two closure orders in place that impact every ranger district on the forest. Specific roads, trails and campgrounds are listed as exemptions. The forest remains in high fire danger and Public Use Restrictions and Industrial Fire Precaution Levels remain at Level 2.

For information on Forest Order 06-15-24-07 for the Diamond Complex, visit

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/umpqua/alerts-notices/?aid=88996>.

For information on Forest Order 06-15-24-03 for the Devils Knob Fire on the Tiller Ranger District, visit

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/umpqua/alerts-notices/?aid=90511>.

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>.