

Diamond Complex Incident Update

Thursday, September 19, 2024



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Fire Information: linktr.ee/diamond_complex_middle_fork



Size: 11,141 acres

Containment: 86%

Personnel: 362

Resources: 7 crews | 1 helicopter | 6 engines | 4 dozers | 13 water tenders | 2 masticators | 7 excavators

Current Situation: Favorable weather conditions on Wednesday allowed personnel to continue making excellent progress in their mission to complete fire-suppression repair tasks across the Diamond Complex. Crews are working alongside forest resource advisors to ensure repair is completed properly in areas where there have been disturbances of the ground created by either hand tools, vehicles, or heavy equipment. This is all to minimize any future damages due to erosion as well as returning the forest to as much of a natural state as practical. A high-pressure weather system will build today which is forecasted to produce a warming and drying trend into next week. Resources remain staffed and ready to respond to any new fires within the Umpqua National Forest.

Firefighters will continue the use of hand tools to return hand-constructed fire lines to a more natural state. Handlines are repaired by pulling back the removed material onto the line as well as building water bars to direct water runoff from the exposed soil to a more suitable direction. Heavy equipment, such as excavators, will continue the task of pulling back the removed natural vegetation over the dozer-constructed lines to protect the soil and make it easier for the ground to recover. As large amounts of dead hazard trees are removed from the fire areas, crews will remove the remaining slash material through chipping operations. Road grading operations continue on many of the forest roads that have been used by firefighting equipment and heavy machinery throughout the incident. Hundreds of yards of gravel have been brought in to repair and smooth out heavily trafficked roads, one of which is the 100 road on the southern edge of the Potter Fire. To limit more erosion and downstream damage, creek crossings and roadway culverts are being repaired and cleared out. As personnel complete these identified suppression-repair items, resource advisors will sign off each project to verify it has met the Forest's repair standards.

The Diamond Complex includes 33 fires in the Umpqua National Forest, 31 of which are 100% contained. The remaining two fires that are not fully contained are the Pine Bench Fire (3,976 acres, 66% contained) and the Potter Fire (3,428 acres, 76% contained).

Forest Closure: Umpqua National Forest lands, roads, and trails around the Diamond Complex fires are temporarily closed (with several exemptions) under [Forest Order 06-15-24-07](#). You are responsible for knowing where you are in relation to the closed areas, so be prepared and view the order and map prior to recreating on your public lands.

Fire Restrictions: On the Umpqua National Forest [Public Use Restrictions Level 2](#) are currently in effect. However, starting at 12:01 a.m., Friday, September 20, 2024, Umpqua National Forest is terminating Public Use Restrictions (PURs) and decreasing to Moderate Fire Danger across all districts. Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, September 23, 2024, the forest will move to Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) 1.

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