



Castle Fire Update for August 9, 2026

Public Information: 541-827-2603

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Start Date: July 22, 2026

Size: 3,612 acres

Cause: Lightning

Location: 23 Miles NE of Tiller, OR

Percent Contained: 67%

FDNY IMT: Chris Sweeney, IC

Fire Resources: 580 personnel

Fire Activity: Firefighters continue to mop up during the day. Crews continue to strengthen and improve containment lines, mop up areas of heat, and conduct suppression repair where conditions allow. Firefighter and public safety remain the highest priorities. The fire is being managed for full suppression.

Fire Weather: Temperatures will cool slightly again but it will still remain hot and dry. Highs will range from mid 90s in valleys to mid 80s at the ridges. Overnight relative humidity recoveries will improve slightly. Conditions will continue to gradually cool with slightly improved humidity as this week progresses. Fuels remain hot and dry.

Forest Closures: Umpqua National Forest has expanded the closure area in order to protect the public and provide a safe environment for firefighters. The expanded closure order #06-15-02-26-02 supersedes closure order #06-15-02-26-01.

All National Forest System lands, roads and trails are closed to the public within the closure area. The closure will remain in effect until conditions allow for reopening.

Closure Details: Closure map and additional details are available on the [Umpqua National Forest website](#). Roads impacted by this closure, as indicated on the [closure area map](#), include FSR 28, 27, and 2781.

Smoke Forecast: For a detailed smoke outlook of the area please visit: <https://outlooks.wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlook/6c74f4c6>

Closed Recreation Areas

- South Umpqua Falls Day Use Area
- South Umpqua Falls Campground
- Buckhead Campground
- Camp Comfort Campground
- Castle Creek Trailhead
- Beaver Swamp Trailhead
- Lakes Trailhead



- Fish Lake Trailhead
- Skimmerhorn Trailhead
- Fish Lake
- Whitehorse Meadows Trailhead
- Acker Divide Trailhead
- Happy Camp Trailhead

Highway Closures: None

Fire Restrictions: Umpqua National Forest is in Very High Fire Danger with Public Use Restrictions (PURs) Stage 2 across the whole Forest. Campfires in wilderness and public firewood cutting (with an internal combustion engine) are restricted. Campfires within Forest Service-constructed concrete or metal fire rings within designated developed recreation sites are exempt. More Information is available at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r06/umpqua/alerts/public-use-restrictions-stage-2>.

Cooperating Agencies: Douglas Forest Protective Association, Douglas County Public Works, Tiller Rural Fire Protection District, Douglas County Sheriff's Department, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, Private Timber Sales.

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