



Castle Fire Update for August 12, 2026

Public Information: 541-827-2603

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Start Date: July 22, 2026

Size: 3,613 acres

Cause: Lightning

Location: 23 Miles NE of Tiller, OR

Percent Contained: 81%

SA Gray IMT: Keith Fields, IC

Fire Resources: 426 personnel

Fire Activity: Firefighters continue to mop up, and eliminate any heat sources that are encountered. Interior pockets of unburned fuel may produce isolated torching and visible smoke columns. Chipping, rehab work, and hazard tree identification and falling will be conducted. The fire is being managed for full suppression.

Fire Weather: The upper-level trough will set up overhead Wednesday into Thursday, setting up increased marine influence from the west. Temperatures will hover right around normal for this time of year. Significant marine pushes on Wednesday and Thursday mornings will bring higher humidity to the area, with greatly increased valley recoveries. Afternoon winds will remain enhanced, throughout this time. Light terrain-driven winds in the overnight and early morning will give way to breezy upslope/valley winds in the afternoons, with breezy NW winds over the ridges.

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 Area is described as an area starting at the intersection of Forest Service Road (FSR) 2715 and FSR 2715-950 in T27S, R03W, Section 32, following FSR 2715-950 southeast to Forest Service Trail (FST) 1477, following FST 1477 south to FST 1576A, following FST 1576A south to FST 1576, following FST 1576 south to FSR 3700-870, following FSR 3700-870 southwest to FST 1470, following FST 1470 south to the Umpqua National Forest boundary, following the Umpqua National Forest boundary southwest to FST 1437, following



FST 1437 west to FST 1437A, following FST 1437A south to FSR 2900-550, following FSR 2900-550 southwest to FSR 29, following FSR 29 northwest to FSR 2830, following FSR 2830

northwest to FSR 2838-800, following FSR 2838-800 west to FSR 2838, following FSR 2838 north to FSR 28, following FSR 28 west to FSR 2814, following FSR 2814 north to FSR 2715, then back to the point of origin at the intersection of FSR 2715 and FSR 2715-950 in T27S, R03W, Section 32.

Roads impacted by this closure, as indicated on the [closure area map](#), include FSR 28, 27, and 2781.

Closure map and additional details are available on the [Umpqua National Forest website](#).

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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