



Mt. Hood National Forest
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Fire Update

Bull Complex Fire Update

August 17, 2021

Fire Information Line: 503-668-1437

For Immediate Release

Overview: Infra-red (IR) sensing technology mapping has shown that the Janus/Ridge and Kola Fires have merged. Moving forward we will be updating as one fire, the Bull Complex. Lower humidity, and wind gusts up to 15 mph across the ridge tops increased fire activity.

Current Situation: Fire activity continued to be primarily in the north and northwest side of the fire. The fire entered the area of the 2010 Bull of the Woods Fire. High numbers of large dead trees and grassy fuels in the burn scar increased fire activity and created dangerous hazards for firefighters.

Afternoon winds out of the west and southwest shifted the fire to the northeast. A spot fire crossed the containment line outside of the wilderness along Forest Road 6370. Firefighters quickly established a containment line around the spot fire.

Crews arranged hose lays along Forest Road 850 where Forest Road 6370 and Forest Road 4696 come together. This is to ensure water is available along containment lines to quickly extinguish any spot fires.

Weather: Cloud cover is expected in the morning with high temps in the mid-70s. West-northwest winds are to increase in the afternoon, with gusts up to 15 mph.

Smoke will continue to remain over the fire area and will be visible throughout the area. Affected communities should remain aware of smoke advisories and conditions. More information can be found at - www.airnow.gov or the Oregon Smoke Blog - https://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com/?m=1

Road Closures: Oregon Highway 224 is currently closed east of Promontory Park.

Area Closures: Closure orders on National Forest System lands, roads, and trails within the Clackamas River Ranger District, Mt. Hood National Forest ORDER NO. 06-06-05-21-07. Forest closures are still in effect from the 2020 Beachie Creek and Lionshead Fires within the Willamette National Forest ORDER NO. 06-18-00-21-09.

Restrictions: Building, maintaining, attending, or using fire, campfire, or cooking fire, is prohibited throughout the Willamette National Forest ORDER NO. 06-18-00-21-16 and the Mt. Hood National Forest ORDER NO. 06-06-00-21-04.

Table with 2 columns: Category and Value. Rows include Fire Summary (Incident Commander: Mitch Ketron, Incident Start Date: 8/2/2021, Cause: Lightning, Resources Assigned: 8 Crews, 7 Engines, 2 Dozers, 1 T3 Helicopter, 5 Water tenders, 2 Feller buncher, 3 Skidsteers, 5 Excavator), Total Personnel: 318, Bull Complex (Acres: 5,120 acres, Containment: 0%).

For Additional Fire Information:

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