



## RED FIRE DAILY UPDATE

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<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/ordef-red-fire>

<https://www.facebook.com/2024RedFire>



**Size:** 753 acres **Location:** 5 miles west of Crescent Lake Junction, OR **County:** Klamath  
**Start Date:** July 17, 2024 **Cause:** Lightning **Containment:** 0% **Total Personnel:** 185

**Crescent, OR** – The Red Fire is burning on the southwest slope of Redtop Mountain within the Diamond Peak Wilderness on the Deschutes National Forest

**Activities** – Fire personnel continue to improve the shaded fuel breaks between Crescent Lake and Summit Lake. Work will continue to the northwest of Summit Lake constructing the shaded fuel break along Forest Service Road FSR 6010 and towards FSR 380 on the Willamette National Forest to connect with the suppression work being done by the 208 MF Fire. Log trucks and other heavy equipment have started work at 4:30am to support hauling operations.

**Incident Strategy-** An assessment by the initial attack incident commander, local fire managers, and Forest staff determined the risk to responders was too great to continue with direct attack due to firefighter safety concerns including a lack of escape routes and safety zones, snag hazards, and the remote location of the fire. Currently, a **full suppression strategy** is being implemented utilizing shaded fuel breaks. Fire managers are continually reevaluating the safest, most effective suppression strategy based on changing weather, fuel conditions, and fire behavior. Firefighter and public safety remain the management team's highest priority in managing this fire.

**Closures** -To provide for the safety of our staff, equipment operators, and public the Deschutes National Forest emergency closure around Crescent Lake and in Diamond Peak Wilderness is still in effect, include these areas: *FSR 60 is closed, and road guards have been posted for public safety.* More closure information is available at: <https://www.fsa.gov/alerts/deschutes/alerts-notices/?aid=89091>

**Weather and Smoke** – The low pressure system moved out of the area and a warming and drying trend starts in the coming week. Precipitation over the last three days was not enough to significantly wet the interior of larger fuels such as standing dead trees and fallen logs.

**Evacuations** – The *WILDFIRE! Level 1 – BE READY to Evacuate* notice issued by Klamath County Emergency Management for Crescent Lake, Odell Lake, and Crescent Junction areas remains in effect (INCENDIO FORESTAL! Nivel 1 - ESTÉ PREPARADO para evacuar de las siguientes zonas: Crescent Lake, Odell Lake, Crescent Junction). Visit [www.klamathcounty.org/300/emergency-management](http://www.klamathcounty.org/300/emergency-management) for more information or to sign up for alerts.

**Fire Restrictions** – Stage 2 Public Use Fire Restrictions – which prohibit open fires, including in developed campgrounds – remain in effect for the Deschutes National Forest. The Industrial Fire Precaution Level is currently Level III “Partial Shutdown.” Visit [fs.usda.gov/detail/deschutes/home/?cid=stelprdb5297376](http://fs.usda.gov/detail/deschutes/home/?cid=stelprdb5297376) for more information.

**Drone Restrictions** – Aerial firefighting is suspended when unauthorized drones (UAS) are in the area. Unauthorized drone use over a fire area poses serious risks to fire personnel and the effectiveness of wildfire suppression operations. ***If you fly, we can't.***