



RED FIRE DAILY UPDATE

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

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Size: 755 acres **Location:** 5 miles west of Crescent Lake Junction, OR **County:** Klamath
Start Date: July 17, 2024 **Cause:** Lightning **Containment:** 0% **Total Personnel:** 167

Activities – Crews have completed work on the shaded fuel break along the northwest of Crescent Lake and are focusing their efforts on the section between Crescent Lake and Summit Lake. Fire personnel have widened the shaded fuel break buffer adjacent to Forest Service Road (FSR) 6010 and removed all debris within a 200-foot width and left widely spaced mature trees approximately 25 to 75 feet apart. If fire reaches the shaded fuel break, it will be slowed because there is less fuel available to burn. Shaded fuel breaks favorably slow fire spread and have long-term fire protection benefits.

Incident Strategy – 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: *Forest Service Road 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 – Much warmer and drier conditions were experienced again across the fire on Tuesday under mostly clear skies. Yesterday, highs were in the mid to upper 60s with minimum relative humidity around 37 to 43 percent. East winds of 4 to 8 mph with gusts up to 15 mph are expected on the fire today.

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 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 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.***