Red Fire August 5, 2024 Daily Fire Update



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Red Fire Quick Facts

Size: 490 acres	Start Date: July 17, 2024
County: Klamath	Cause: Lightning
Containment: 0%	Total Staff: 327

Origin: 5 miles west of Crescent Lake Junction, OR Shaded Fuel Break Completed: 1.8 miles Hand Line Completed: 0.8 mile

Operations: Limited growth was recorded on the Red Fire yesterday. Firefighters have completed fuel reduction work along the southwest shore of Odell Lake. The shaded fuel break between Crescent Lake and Odell Lake is nearing completion and now extends north from Crescent Lake Resort past Crescent Lake State Airport. Crews have completed structure protection assessments around Odell Lake Resort and surrounding homes, preparing structure protection gear that can be deployed if needed. Over 550 structure assessments have been accomplished in total. Crews have also completed about 70 out of 100 acres of ladder fuel reduction between Forest Service Road 60 and the residential service road by removing grass, brush, small trees, and low-level limbs that can convey fire into tree canopies. Road crews continued to improve Forest Service Road 6010 to Summit Lake with a dozer, making it safer and more accessible for heavy equipment.

Today, firefighters will resume their efforts to protect homes, infrastructure, and natural resources and will focus on structure assessments at the Diamond Peak community. Hand crews and heavy equipment will begin working on the shaded fuel break west of Crescent Lake Resort along Forest Service Road 60. Resource advisors from the Deschutes National Forest are working closely with firefighters to protect sensitive areas and unique forest habitat. Crews will soon finish extending the northern section of the shaded fuel break between Crescent Lake and Odell Lake. The work on the ladder fuel removal between Forest Service Road 60 and the residential service road is nearly complete, which will help create defensible space for residences in the area. Smoke may be visible today as the fire moves into larger trees.

Round Mountain & Wickiup Fires: Please be aware fire operations will continue around these fires. Round Mountain Fire is 108 acres and 85% contained. Firefighters continue to patrol, mop-up, and complete repair work. The Wickiup Fire is 168 acres and 90% contained. Firefighters continue to patrol and mop-up.

Deschutes County Sheriff's Office lifted the evacuation order around the Wickiup Fire. The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office has dropped all evacuation levels around the Wickiup Fire. Temporary emergency closures remain in effect for areas around the <u>Wickiup Fire</u> and <u>Round Mountain Fire</u>.

Closures: The Deschutes National Forest has implemented an emergency closure around Crescent Lake and in the Diamond Peak Wilderness. Closure information is available at: <u>https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/deschutes/alerts-notices/?aid=89091</u>

Evacuation Notices: The *WILDFIRE! Level 1 – BE READY to Evacuate* notice issued by Klamath County Emergency Management for the 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). For information, or to sign up for alerts, visit: <u>www.klamathcounty.org/300/emergency-management</u>

Fire Restrictions: Stage 2 Public Use Fire Restrictions which prohibit open fires, including in developed campgrounds, are in effect for the Deschutes National Forest. Visit the Deschutes National Forest's website <u>fs.usda.gov/detail/deschutes/home/?cid=stelprdb5297376</u> for more information. The Industrial Fire Precaution Level is currently Level IV "General Shutdown".

Weather: Sunny with a high near 82°, relative humidity 25% and west winds gusting to 18 mph.

Smoke: Smoke may be more visible today as the Red Fire encounters heavier fuels. Air quality information can be found at <u>https://fire.airnow.gov/</u>.