



Burns BLM District



Malheur National Forest



PNW Team 3

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This complex is being managed by the PNW Team 3 Type 1 Incident Management Team.

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The Chickahominy Campground on Highway 20 remains closed to public use because it is being used as a staging area for air support resources, both personnel and equipment.

Yesterday's Activities:

Crews successfully completed a planned burnout which combined the Bear Canyon and Egley Fires; this was to stop the Bear Canyon Fire from advancing. Fire fighters worked hard to keep the fire west of the 47 Road. The Silver Fire was held in check and an emphasis was placed on protecting the historic Allison Springs Guard Station. Crew completed fire lines on the Egley Fire, patrolled the perimeter and mopped-up hotspots near the fire line.

The remote base camp at Allison Springs Guard Station was closed. A new camp, the Badger Flats Camp, was established on the Paulina-Suplee Highway to support crews that are assigned to the Silver Fire. The main Incident Command Post is still located at the Fairgrounds in Burns.

The Oregon-California Incident Management Team was released from the Egley Complex so that they could assist with other fires in the region. Pacific Northwest Team 3 assumed full responsibility for management of the Egley Complex last night.

Weather and Fire Behavior:

This morning's smoke inversion will cause hazy conditions for the next few hours but is expected to lift by mid-morning. Hot temperatures, low humidity, and extremely dry fuel conditions continue and fire behavior is

expected to increase again as the day progresses. The forecast calls for slightly less wind with another breezy afternoon. Winds will be out of the southwest throughout the day, gradually shifting so that they will be out of the northwest by early evening.

Today's Planned Actions:

Most of the Egley Fire has been placed in patrol status; crews will monitor the fire's perimeter to ensure that it is intact. Fire fighters will continue line construction to secure the area where the Egley and Bear Canyon Fires joined together and attempt to stop the fire's east-northeast movement. Mop up will continue on a spot fire east of the 47 Road in difficult terrain. Actions are being taken to protect the historic structures at the Allison Springs Guard Station.

Closures: Due to the extreme fire danger level, closure orders and fire protection measures are in place throughout the area until further notice. All roads and areas west of Highway 395 and north of Highway 20 are closed within Forest Service boundaries on the Emigrant Ranger District. The only exception is the Joaquin Miller Campground, which remains open.

This Fire Update was produced by the Egley Information Center staffed by PNW Team 3

Quick Facts Egley Complex Summary	
Complex Approximate Size:	101,000 ac
Complex Containment:	July 22
Assigned Resources on the Complex:	53 crews 5 helicopter 96 engines 17 dozers 32 water tenders
Total Personnel on Complex:	1,832
Estimated Complex Containment Date:	July 19
Agencies Represented on the Complex:	BLM DNR USFS State and Local Private

FOR ADDITIONAL AND UPDATED LOCAL AND NATIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.InciWeb.org, Malheur NF: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/malheur/>, Burns Interagency Fire Zone: <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/burns/fire/index.php>

Additional Sources of
Wildland Fire Information

[National Situation Report](http://www.nifc.gov/news/sitreprt.pdf)
www.nifc.gov/news/sitreprt.pdf

[National Interagency Fire Center](http://www.nifc.gov)
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[National Fire News](http://www.nifc.gov/fireinfo/nfn.html)
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