



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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Firefighters were diverted to take aggressive suppression activity on a new fire start July 20 near the 31 Road.

Yesterday's Activities:

250 firefighters were diverted from the Egley Complex to a new fire start north of Burns near the 31 Road, named the Bellows Creek Fire. Personnel assigned to the new incident included hand crews, engines, dozers and aircraft. Firefighters were successful at building containment lines to the west and north of the fire. Crews worked overnight and remain assigned to that fire today. They will continue to build containment lines on the west side. The fire is estimated at 250 acres.

Cloud cover and sustained relative humidities assisted firefighters conducting mop-up operations on the Egley Complex fires. Work was concentrated on improving the fire line on the northeast corner of the Silver Fire and extensive mop-up near Yellowjacket Lake. Mop-up consists of extinguishing all hot spots (areas of heat/flames) near the fire lines. Management of the original Egley Fire was transferred back to the local unit. Fire managers also began releasing personnel who are considered excess to the needs of the incident.

Weather and Fire Behavior:

Higher temperatures and gustier wind conditions are forecast for the fire area today. Firefighters were informed that even small changes in temperature, relative humidity and wind could result in explosive fire behavior.

Today's Planned Actions:

Islands of unburned vegetation well within the perimeter of the Egley Fire are still burning and creating a significant amount of smoke; however, these interior burns do not pose a threat to the fire line. The Egley Fire remains in patrol status. Crews continue to mop up and hold the northern edge of the Silver Fire, and portions of the fire are in patrol status. Structure protection measures are still in place at the Allison Springs Guard Station and numerous structures scattered throughout the fire area. Structure protection continues at the Sugarloaf Lookout, campgrounds, and private residences. Fire managers will continue to release resources assigned to the incident that are identified as excess to the current needs.

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.

Quick Facts Egley Complex Summary	
Complex Approximate Size:	138,500 acres
Complex Containment:	75%
Assigned Resources on the Complex:	34 crews 4 helicopters 8 dozers 27 water tenders
Total Personnel on Complex:	1,327
Estimated Complex Containment Date:	July 22
Agencies Represented on the Complex:	BLM ODF USFS State and Local Private

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

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
www.nifc.gov/news/sitreprt.pdf](http://www.nifc.gov/news/sitreprt.pdf)

[National Interagency Fire Center
www.nifc.gov](http://www.nifc.gov)

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

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