



Burns Interagency Fire Zone



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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Congressman Greg Walden visited the Egley Complex yesterday for a briefing and public meeting.

Yesterday's Activities:

Firefighters made good progress on the Bellows Creek Fire, a new start picked up Friday north of Burns near the 31 Road. It is 90 percent contained at approximately 250 acres.

Mop-up operations continued 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. Areas outside of fire lines are also patrolled or 'gridded' to check for any small hot spots. Fire managers continued releasing personnel and equipment that are no longer needed.

Weather and Fire Behavior:

Warmer and drier conditions are forecast for the fire area today, a trend which is expected to continue into next week. Although winds will be lighter, the drying trend will increase fire behavior and cause unburned islands of fuel to ignite.

Today's Planned Actions:

The southern sections of the Bear Canyon and Silver fires will be turned over to the local agency today. Crews will continue heavy mop up on the northern sections and begin pulling out hoses and other equipment. Islands of unburned vegetation well within the perimeter of the fires are still burning and can create significant amounts of smoke, usually in the afternoon and evening; however, these interior burns do not pose a threat to fire lines.

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:	140,000 acres
Complex Containment:	80%
Assigned Resources on the Complex:	24 crews 4 helicopters 5 dozers 21 water tenders
Total Personnel on Complex:	1,220
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](http://www.nifc.gov/news/sitreprt.pdf)
www.nifc.gov/news/sitreprt.pdf

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

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