



Fossil Creek Fire
BLM-Prineville District
Oregon California (ORCA)
Interagency Incident Management Team



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Cooler temperatures and higher humidity aided firefighters in gaining the upper hand Wednesday on the Fossil Creek Fire, four miles south of Kimberly, Oregon. Sixty percent of the 3,010 acre fire is now contained.

The southern portion of the fire remains secure, while the western portion of the fire holds pockets of unburned fuels that must be cleared out before mop up can begin. Steep terrain has also hampered efforts to extinguish isolated hot spots on the fire perimeter. Night crews work to maintain the established lines and patrol for hot spots, while day crews and helicopters aggressively work to reach containment on the remaining fire.

Three hundred sixty-seven personnel are working the fire, including nine, twenty-person crews; three helicopters; twenty five engines and three dozers.

Drivers using State Highway 19 through the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument are asked to use extra caution at the intersection of Holmes Creek and Highway 19 where fire apparatus are entering and existing onto the highway.

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