



**UMATILLA NATIONAL FOREST**  
**Trout Meadows Fire Update**  
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Fire activity on the Trout Meadows Fire was minimal on Thursday. The Trout Meadows fire remains at 3890 acres in size and is 95% contained. Two crews patrolled the entire perimeter and continued mopping up within 250'-300' of the fireline. The Maine Incident Management Team also took responsibility for the Big Creek Fire, located off Forest Road 52 near the North Fork John Day Wilderness. Although the fire is only 1 acre in size, it is located in very steep terrain. On Thursday, the crew assigned to the fire contained it and felled several burning snags, but had difficulty getting water to the fire. A helicopter will bring a load of portable water containers to the fire today. Aggressive mop up, picking up hoselays and rehab will continue on both fires on Friday.

Several Forest Service Roads near the Wilderness area have been closed due to safety concerns. Specifically, Forest Service Road 52 is closed between the junction of Forest Service Roads 51 and 55. Additional Forest Service roads are closed near the 1200 acre Otter Creek Fire, off Forest Road 52. For more information, visit the Umatilla National Forest web site at [www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/)

Hunter and backpackers are reminded that all fires are prohibited in the forest. Various trails, campground and backcountry roads are closed as the result of the fire and may remain closed when bow hunting season opens August 25.