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Umpqua National Forest Fire Update *Campfire Ban to Go into Effect Forest-wide*

ROSEBURG, OR – August 12, 2015 – Forest Service officials will announce a temporary campfire ban across the Umpqua National Forest to go into effect on Wednesday, August 12. Extremely dry conditions coupled with active fire in the Forest’s landscape have elevated the potential risk of wildfire throughout the area.

Under the campfire ban, portable cooking stoves using pressurized liquefied gas or propane are permitted. Use of generators with an approved spark-arrester screen is allowed in designated campgrounds.

Potter Mountain Complex at a glance

Start Date	Cause	Total Acres	Percent Contained	Engines	Type 2 Crews	Helos	Dozers	Total Personnel
08/01/15	Lightning	327	75%	5	1	2	1	121

The **Potter Mountain Complex** that started on August 1 is made up of seven wildfires. The largest fire on the complex is Incident 235. Current size is 327 acres with containment at 75 percent. The remaining small fires within the complex are currently staffed and their acreage is approximately two acres or less in size.

Green islands continue to burn in the interior of the fire. Falling teams continue to cut hazard trees that pose a threat to the fire perimeter. Firefighters patrolled along Forest Service Road 34-100 for potential snags and spots. Aviation resources are still assigned to the fire, but due to minimal fire behavior, were used sparingly. Suppression repair operations continue on Incident 235.

Operations that will continue on Wednesday include felling teams removing hazardous trees inside the fire line, construction of water bars to mitigate potential erosion along the fire perimeter, and mopping up on the entire Potter Mountain Complex. The Gila/ Las Cruces Type 3 Incident Management Team is assigned to manage the complex.

Potter Mountain Fire information: (575) 418-7875. Potter Mountain Complex Inciweb Site: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4440/#>



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Forest Closures/Public Use Restrictions

The Umpqua National Forest entered into an Industrial Fire Precaution Level IV on August 5, 2015, for the entire Forest. These fire restrictions will remain in place until rescinded.

Forest Service Road 34-100 near the Potter Mountain Complex remains closed for the safety of the firefighters' traffic and the general public.

An emergency area closure for the portion of the Umpqua National Forest south of Tiller is in place because of the [Stouts Creek Fire](#). The closure order and map as well as public use restrictions can be found here: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/umpqua/alerts-notice>.

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