



# View Lake Fire Complex

## Fire Information Update

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**Saturday, August 28, 2010 – 8:00 am PDT Update**

Fire	Acres	% Contained	Total Cost	Total Personnel
View Lake Fire	115	70%	\$3,241,000	647
Pyramid/Mt. Jefferson Fires	3,228	10%		
Bull of the Woods	1,895	0%		
<b>View Fire Complex Total</b>	<b>5,238</b>			

### News & Events for the View Lake Fire Complex:

- A spike camp is being set up in Detroit today to reduce travel times for crews; approximately 300 firefighters will be moving their camp from Ripplebrook Ranger Station to Detroit at end of shift today
- Expect increased traffic associated with weekend recreationists; motorists are advised to proceed with caution due to increased traffic and heavy equipment on Highway 224/Forest Road 46 associated with firefighting efforts.
- The closure for Olallie Lake Scenic Area will remain in effect through the weekend, at a minimum
- The Bull of the Woods Wilderness closure order has been expanded. The Bagby Hot Springs Trail (#544) from Bagby to Elk Lake will remain open, but all trails and the wilderness area east of Trail #544 are closed. The Elk Lake Campground, which leads to Battle Ax Creek Trail (#3399) and Beachie Saddle Trail (#3341) remain open
- A Long Term Assessment Team is working closely with the Mt Hood National Forest and the Pacific Northwest Team 2 to make recommendations for management actions associated with the Bull of the Woods Wilderness and Pyramid Butte fires; primary objectives include providing for firefighter safety, protecting values at risk, and allowing fire to play its natural role in the wilderness and protect the historic Bull of the Woods lookout while utilizing cost-effective strategies to keep the fire in the wilderness

### VIEW LAKE FIRE COMPLEX STATUS:

Due to continued influence from marine air over the fire area, fire behavior is expected to be moderate to minimal today, providing another good opportunity for firefighters to make progress with line construction and mop up efforts. Smoke dispersal may be delayed until late morning due to the marine layer.

Yesterday, the Dinah-Mo Fire grew together with the Pyramid Butte Fire, located partially in the Mt Jefferson Wilderness, with most of the growth occurring in the Breitenbush drainage. Firefighters made good progress containing the 100-acre spot fire (Rock Cone) that moved onto the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs land and containing the north flank of the Pyramid Fire that crossed Forest Road 4220. Very little fire growth occurred with the fires in the Bull of the Woods Wilderness.

Today, crews will continue with line construction and mop up efforts on the View Lake Fire, which has cooled considerably, except for some pockets of heat in the heavier fuels. Crews will continue to work on line construction to contain the Rock Cone Fire and begin mop up and hose lays. On the Pyramid Butte Fire, crews will continue with line construction on the ridge south of Breitenbush and utilize portions of the 4220 Road for their line on the west and east flanks of the fire.

Several masticators and fallers are scheduled to start prep work for the 6370 Road located east of the Bull of the Woods Wilderness as a contingency line should the fire grow beyond the wilderness boundary.

**Evacuations:** The Olallie Lake Scenic Area campgrounds & resort have been evacuated for public safety purposes. Fire operations personnel are closely monitoring fire status to determine when the area can be reopened for recreational use; the area will remain closed through the weekend, at minimum.

**Scenic Area, Wilderness Area & Trail and Road Closures:**

- The Olallie Lake Scenic Area and associated portion of the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT)
- A portion of the Mt Jefferson Wilderness and associated portion of the PCT
- An amended closure that includes most of the Bull of the Woods Wilderness, including portions of the Elk Creek, Mother Lode and Dickey Creek Trails. **Trail #544 between Bagby Hot Springs and Elk Lake remains open. The Elk Lake Campground, which leads to Battle Ax Creek Trail (#3399) and Beachie Saddle Trail (#3341) remain open.**
- Forest Road 4220 is closed at its junction with Forest Road 46 at the south end and Forest Road 4690 at the north end.
- Forest Road 4630 to Harriet Lake is closed
- Forest Roads 46 and 57 remain open

**Pacific Crest Trail Hiker Shuttle System:** The PCT is currently closed on the south at Jefferson Park north through the Olallie Lake Scenic Area. The Mt Hood and Willamette National Forest have arranged to shuttle hikers on an intermittent basis between the south fork Breitenbush Trail and the Triangle Lake Equestrian Campground. Hikers are being shuttled, as needed, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

**FIRE FACTS:**

**View Lake Fire Complex: Started:** August 17, 2010; **Cause:** Lightning; **Location:** 45 miles east of Estacada in Marion and Clackamas Counties; **Resources:** 19 hand crews, 5 helicopters, 14 engines, 4 water tenders, 647 total personnel.

**SAFETY CONCERNS:** Increased traffic on roads associated with weekend recreationists, steep, rocky terrain with numerous standing dead trees (snags) and rolling material, long travel times to fire, unburned interior fuels.

**RESOURCE CONCERNS:** Fires near high use recreation areas; protection of wilderness values and cultural resources through the use of Minimum Impact Suppression Techniques (MIST), utilizing existing trails and natural barriers as control lines where possible.

**VALUES AT RISK:** Olallie Lake Resort, Forest Service Campgrounds, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs reservation lands, the historic Bull of the Woods Lookout tower.

**WEATHER:** Temperatures over the fire are will stay cool today with a few more clouds than yesterday and small cumulus buildups over the ridges. Maximum temps in the upper 50s to lower 60s and minimum relative humidity 34 to 38%. Winds W to NW 8-10 mph at ridge level in the Elk Creek Drainage. Tonight, lows are expected in the low 40s with clouds increasing towards the morning.

**TODAY'S EXPECTED FIRE BEHAVIOR:** Fire behavior is expected to be minimal again today due to the continuing influence of moist marine air, providing good opportunities for firefighters to make progress with line construction and mop-up efforts.

**COOPERATING AGENCIES & PARTNERS:** Mt Hood National Forest, Willamette National Forest, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Clackamas and Marion Counties.