



View Lake Fire Complex

Fire Information Update

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Monday, August 30, 2010 – 9:00 am PDT Update

Fire	Acres	% Contained	Total Cost	Total Personnel
View Lake Fire	102	70%		
Pyramid/Mt. Jefferson Fires	3,283	50%		
Bull of the Woods	2,488	0%		
View Fire Complex Total	5,873		\$4,689,000	766

News & Events for the View Lake Fire Complex:

- The closure for Olallie Lake Scenic Area is currently in effect for public safety purposes, but is anticipated to be open for the Labor Day holiday weekend.
- An expanded area closure for the Bull of the Woods Area is now in effect; see closure information below
- Archery season for elk, deer, bear and cougar has begun; expect hunter camps and additional traffic in the fire area.
- Masticators are being utilized for brush removal on segments of the 6370, 6340, 63, and 4696 roads; temporary road closures will be in place while the equipment is in operation.

VIEW LAKE FIRE COMPLEX STATUS:

Light rain is expected for early this morning across the fire area, getting progressively heavier late morning to afternoon. Rainfall is not expected to exceed ¼". Due to weather conditions, very little fire spread is expected today.

Yesterday, firefighters wrapped the Bull of the Woods lookout tower with fire resistant material, made good progress with mop up efforts on the View Lake Fire, the Rock Cone spot fire and the north/east flank of the Pyramid Butte Fire.

Today, firefighters will continue with mop up efforts, pulling hose, backhauling equipment and rehabilitation efforts on the View Lake Fire; continue with line construction, mop up and begin rehabilitation efforts on the north flank of the Pyramid Fire. Air support will be increased, as weather and visibility allows, for equipment backhauling.

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 closure is still in effect at this time but is anticipated to be open for the Labor Day holiday weekend.

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 expanded area closure (August 29, 2010) for the Bull of the Woods Wilderness, including portions of the Elk Creek, Mother Lode and Dickey Creek Trails and extending eastward. The area description is defined by Forest Road (FR) 63 between 6340 and 6350 junction and FR 6350 on the east from Collawash Mountain along the forest boundary to 6370, 4696-850, 4696 and 4697 on the south, trail #544 on the west and FR 6340 and FR 6341 on the north. All trails and roads inside the fire closure boundary are closed. **The Trail #544 between Bagby Hot Springs and Elk Lake remains open. Bagby Hot Springs and the Pegleg Falls Recreation Area is open. The Elk Lake Campground, which leads to Battle Ax Creek Trail (#3399) and Beachie Saddle Trail (#3341) remain open. The following fire closure boundary roads are open: FR 4696, FR 6350, FR 63 to the FR 6350 junction, and FR 6341.**
- 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 Forests have arranged to shuttle hikers on an intermittent basis between the south fork Breitenbush Trail (via trail #3375 located west of Russell Lake in Jefferson Park) 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:** 21 hand crews, 5 helicopters, 13 engines, 6 water tenders, 2 masticators, 766 total personnel.

SAFETY CONCERNS: Increased traffic on roads associated with weekend recreationists, slippery footing and driving conditions, steep, rocky terrain with numerous standing dead trees (snags) and rolling material, 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: Cloudy with light rain developing early in the day and widespread rain by mid morning. Maximum temperatures between 50 and 60 degrees, minimum relative humidity 75-80%. Winds primarily S & SE in the morning from 3-6 mph shifting to W to NW in afternoon from 7-12 mph. Temperatures are expected to drop into the mid to upper 30s tonight.

TODAY'S EXPECTED FIRE BEHAVIOR: Minimal fire behavior is expected with lower temperatures and forecasted precipitation.

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