



View Lake Fire Complex

Fire Information Update

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Wednesday, September 1, 2010 – 8:30 am PDT Update

Fire	Acres	% Contained	Total Cost	Total Personnel
View Lake Fire	102	90%		
Pyramid/Mt. Jefferson Fires	1,759	60%		
Bull of the Woods	2,614	0%		
View Fire Complex Total	4,478		\$5,864,000	861

News & Events for the View Lake Fire Complex:

- The closure for Olallie Lake Scenic Area was partially opened (on the north end of the Scenic Area, with a closure remaining in effect south of Camp Ten Campground) at 12:01 a.m. today. All trails in the Olallie Lake Scenic Area are anticipated to be closed for the remainder of the season.
- OPEN-Olallie Lake Scenic Area: The Olallie Lake Resort and the waters of Olallie Lake, the Paul Dennis Campground, northern most boat ramp, Olallie Lake Picnic Area, historic guard station, Camp Ten Campground, Triangle Lake Campground, Lower Lake Campground and dispersed camping sites in a 200' strip west of the 4220 Road between Olallie Lake Picnic Area & Campground are now open.
- CLOSED-Olallie Lake Scenic Area: All trails within the Olallie Lake Scenic Area will remain closed, FR 4220 from FR 46 to Breitenbush Lake Campground will remain closed and the Breitenbush Lake Campground will remain closed.
- The demobilization of the Detroit spike camp will start today and continue through tomorrow; firefighters are moving to the Ripplebrook Incident Command Post.
- Archery season for elk, deer, bear and cougar has begun; expect hunter camps and additional traffic in the fire area. Hunters are advised to check current closure information
- 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. The work will take several weeks to complete.

VIEW LAKE FIRE COMPLEX STATUS:

The rain will slowly taper off late in the morning with cooler temperatures in the upper 50s to 60s and relative humidity from 70-80%. Fire behavior will reflect the weather conditions, with minimal spread overall. Hot spots in the heavier fuels will continue to smolder and become more active as fuels start to dry out this evening. Air support will be hampered due to limited visibility until the weather pattern changes.

Today, firefighters are assessing a contingency line in the Breitenbush drainage south over Breitenbush Ridge and south of the Breitenbush River. Crews will continue to construct the control line on the north flank of the Pyramid Butte Fire, mop up and backhaul equipment and work on 100% mop up/grid for hot spots on the spot fire near Rock Cone. Mastication and prep work is continuing along the 6370 and 4696 Roads along the south and east sides of the Bull of the Woods wilderness.

Evacuation Lifted: The Olallie Lake Scenic Area campgrounds & resort evacuation was lifted at 12:01 a.m. today.

Scenic Area, Wilderness Area & Trail and Road Closures:

- The southern portion of the Olallie Lake Scenic Area (south of Camp Ten Campground) and all trails within the scenic area
- 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 4631 to Lake Harriet is closed; for access to Lake Harriet and the campground, travel east of Rd. 57 towards Timothy Lake, then take an immediate left after crossing the Oak Grove Fork bridge, and head approximately one mile west on Rd. 4630 to get to Lake Harriet.
- 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:** 25 hand crews, 5 helicopters, 10 engines, 5 water tenders, 5 masticators, 861 total personnel.

SAFETY CONCERNS: 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: Showers are lingering through the morning with the front ending midday followed by mostly cloudy and mild conditions. Evening skies will clear, with lowering of humidities overnight, setting up a fairly drastic weather change for a warm, dry breezy start to Thursday. Moderate easterly winds will diminish Thursday afternoon with low humidities expected again Thursday night. On Friday, a warm dry day is expected with increasing winds and cooler temperatures expected on Saturday. Temperatures today will range from the upper 50s to upper 60s across the fire area. Humidities during the day will range from 70-80%, dropping to 60% this evening. On the ridges, west to southwest winds up to around 15 mph; otherwise, winds primarily southwest 3-7 mph, shifting north to northwest 5-10 mph in the afternoon.

TODAY'S EXPECTED FIRE BEHAVIOR: Very minimal fire spread with creeping & smoldering in the interior and pockets of heavier fuels.

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