



View Lake Fire Complex

Fire Information Update

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Friday, September 3, 2010 – 8:00 am PDT Update

Fire	Acres	% Contained	Total Cost	Total Personnel
View Lake Fire	102	90%		
Pyramid/Mt. Jefferson Fires	1,759	70%		
Bull of the Woods	2,659	0%		
View Lake Fire Complex Total	4,523		\$6,961,000	719

News & Events for the View Lake Fire Complex:

- **PLEASE USE CAUTION WHEN DRIVING:** Recreation traffic is rapidly increasing for the holiday weekend; motorists are advised to slow down and proceed with caution due to the amount of heavy equipment in the area.
- Olallie Lake Scenic Area is smoke-free and safe for recreationists.
- A temporary road closure is in place along the 4685 Road above the south fork Breitenbush Trailhead due to heavy equipment working in the area; the temporary closure will be in place through Saturday.
- 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.
- A National Incident Management Organization (Tom Cable) will be inbriefed at the Ripplebrook ICP this evening in preparation of taking over management of the View Lake Complex on Sunday.

VIEW LAKE FIRE COMPLEX STATUS:

Today, firefighters are continuing work on a contingency line in the Breitenbush drainage south over Breitenbush ridge and south of the Breitenbush river. On the Pyramid Butte Fire and the 100-acre spot fire near Rock Cone, crews are focusing on mop up, backhauling of equipment and rehabilitation efforts. On the View Lake Fire, crews are focusing on patrol, rehabilitation and initial attack coverage for the south end of the complex. A variety of resources are continuing to focus efforts on prepping the 63, 6370 and 4696 Roads on the south side of the Bull of the Woods wilderness, with identified resources providing initial attack coverage for the north end of the complex.

Scenic Area, Wilderness Area & Trail and Road Closures:

Olallie Lake Scenic Area (Scenic area is smoke-free):

- **OPEN:** 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.
- **CLOSED:** All trails within the Olallie Lake Scenic Area remain closed, FR 4220 from FR 46 to Breitenbush Lake Campground is closed and the Breitenbush Lake Campground is closed.
- A portion of the Mt Jefferson Wilderness is closed and associated portion of the PCT

Scenic Area, Wilderness Area & Trail and Road Closures:

- 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 (PCT) 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:** 18 hand crews, 7 helicopters, 10 engines, 5 water tenders, 1 dozer, 5 masticators, 719 total personnel.

SAFETY CONCERNS: Heavy traffic associated with the holiday weekend, 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: Sunny, dry and warm today with light southeast winds in the morning gradually shifting west and increasing to 10-15 mph this afternoon. Minimum relative humidities will reach the 20 to 25% range. High temps ranging from the low 70s to mid 80s. Tonight will be partly cloudy and breezy with lows in the mid 50s and relative humidity 75 to 80%. On Saturday, a cold front will pass through the area by midday. Cooler temperatures with highs of low 60s to near 70 and increasing humidities 35 to 40% with breezy west-northwest winds. Outlook for Sunday and Monday is cloudy and cool with scattered rain showers and increasing humidities both days.

TODAY'S EXPECTED FIRE BEHAVIOR: As fuels continue to dry under the current weather conditions, fire behavior will slowly increase. Expect moderate rates of spread with smoldering, creeping and occasional single tree torching and spotting. Good smoke dispersion is expected in most areas on the View Lake and Pyramid Butte Fires.

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