

# DOLLAR LAKE FIRE INFORMATION 541-354-1431

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Mount Hood National Forest



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## Fire Update – 09/09/2011 8:30 a.m. PT

Thursday was a “quiet day” on the fire, according to Operations Section Chief Noel Livingston. An inversion capped smoke over the fire, winds were light, and fire behavior was minimal. Crews continued to make good progress constructing fire lines and are installing hoses and pumps to bring water to where it is needed. Thousands of feet of hose are being strung on the west side of the fire to provide water to secure and mop up established fire lines.

On the northwest corner of the fire, attempts to burn out fuels between the fire and the established fire lines were complicated by an inversion and high humidity. “It’s an interesting situation,” said John Robertson, Fire Behavior Analyst. “Yesterday we had all the ingredients for extreme fire behavior but local effects at Mount Hood prevented that from happening. Over the last four days, nightly inversions and topography have been sheltering the fire from upper level winds and an unstable atmosphere. By late afternoon, conditions had improved and burnout operations were completed between Cathedral Ridge and the wilderness boundary.

Fire officials remain concerned about forecasted critical fire weather and continued drying in the days ahead. All we need is wind and we’ll be off and running again,” added Robertson.

The fire is burning 9 miles east of homes along the Lolo Pass Road and 2-3 miles southwest of the headwaters of the Bull Run watershed. The fire is 19 miles east of the intake for the Bull Run water system. On Thursday, fire size did not change and the fire did not move any closer to transmission lines, private land, homes, or the watershed.

**COMMUNITY MEETING:** scheduled for 7:00 p.m. tonight at the Mount Hood Lions Club in Welches. Fire officials will discuss predicted weather trends and explain strategies and suppression tactics

### **CLOSURES**

**Area & Road:** Forest Roads 13, 16, and 18 are closed and all forest roads within the area closure boundary. Forest Roads 2840, 3511, 3512 are closed. For details on area closures please see: [www.inciweb.org/incident/2563/](http://www.inciweb.org/incident/2563/)

**Campgrounds:** Lost Lake, Wahtum Lake, McNeil, Riley Horse Camp, Lost Creek, Kinnikinnick, Tilly Jane, and Cloud Cap. **Trails:** Pacific Crest Trail from the Rushing Water Creek crossing, north to Wahtum Lake; Trail #600 from Gnarl Ridge Trail #652 northwest to its terminus at Ramona Falls Trail #797; Burnt Lake Trail #772 from the Burnt Lake north trailhead, south to the wilderness boundary; Cast Lake Trail #773 and Horseshoe Trail #774 from the trailhead in Riley campground south to the wilderness boundary; Sandy River Trail #770 and Ramona Falls Trail #797; Yokum Ridge #771; Mazamas Trail #625; Vista Ridge Trail #626, Elk Cove Trail #631 and Pinnacle Ridge Trail #630

Quick Facts Dollar Lake Fire Summary	
Location:	20 Miles Southwest of Hood River, OR
Approximate Size:	4,607 acres
Fire Containment:	25%
Start Date:	August 27, 2011
Cause:	Lightning
Incident Commander:	Jeff Pendleton, PNW Team 3
Resources on the Fire:	24 crews 8 helicopters 30 engines 4 Dozers 7 water tenders
Total Personnel:	854
Jurisdiction:	USFS



Firefighter fills folding water tanks from water tender in support of handcrews working on the northern perimeter of the fire during last night’s operations.

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