



Mount Hood National Forest



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**Fire Update – 09/10/2011 8:30 a.m. PT**

Governor John Kitzhaber visited the Dollar Lake Fire heli-base on Friday afternoon. The Governor was briefed by Incident Commander Jeff Pendleton and answered questions from the media. He thanked firefighters for all of their hard work and efforts.

Burning conditions improved on Friday, enabling firefighters to continue burnout operations along the northwest corner of the fire. Unburned fuels deep within the fire interior ignited in the headwaters of the Ladd Creek drainage, creating a plume of smoke that was visible from adjacent communities. Hand crews and air tankers successfully tackled a four acre “spot” as the fire became increasingly active along Cathedral Ridge. Air tankers made four retardant drops high on Cathedral Ridge to assist hotshot crews working in the wilderness.

Fire officials remain concerned about continued drying in the days ahead and this weekend’s forecasted critical fire weather.

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

A community meeting in Welches, was attended by 180 people. Fire officials provided the latest information on the status of the fire, strategies, and tactics.

Quick Facts Dollar Lake Fire Summary	
Location:	20 Miles Southwest of Hood River, OR
Approximate Size:	4,678 acres
Fire Containment:	30%
Start Date:	August 27, 2011
Cause:	Lightning
Incident Commander:	Jeff Pendleton, PNW Team 3
Resources on the Fire:	23 crews 8 helicopters 23 engines 4 Dozers 8 water tenders
Total Personnel:	825
Jurisdiction:	USFS

**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



Smoke column from fire activity in the upper part of the Ladd Creek drainage partially obscures the view of Mt. Hood on Friday September 9, 2011 .

**FOR ADDITIONAL AND UPDATED FIRE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:**

