



Mount Hood National Forest



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## Fire Update – 09/11/2011 8:30 a.m. PT

Yesterday afternoon and last night the north flank of the fire moved about a mile to the north. The fire did not cross containment lines in the northwest corner which have been a key focus of efforts to protect the Bull Run watershed and Lolo Pass areas. The fire remains 9 miles from the nearest structures along Lolo Pass Road and 2 to 3 miles from the Bull Run Watershed.

On the north side, the fire pushed up against constructed contingency lines. Fire crews are working out ahead of the fire scouting out opportunities for additional containment lines. Fire activity increased as expected due to warmer, drier weather and decreased humidity.

The fire is burning as a crown fire in the tree tops and is being fueled by lichens and mosses. The lichens and mosses are carrying the fire and are a major source of fire spread within the wilderness. The fire burned towards clearcuts and young forest plantations that break up the continuity of fuels and provide opportunities for control efforts. It was an active fire night, and another active fire day is expected.

Today is another critical fire weather day. Conditions in the fire area remained warm and dry throughout the night. Extreme fire behavior is forecasted again today and air and ground resources continue to be focused on the critical west perimeter of the fire. Fire officials are looking forward to some relief as a westerly flows will bring cooler temperatures and higher relative humidity to the fire area on Monday.

Smoke from increased fire activity and will drift toward communities to the west. In areas downwind of the fire, thick smoke in the early morning and evening hours can produce hazardous driving conditions. Drivers are cautioned to turn on their headlights, slow down, and watch for fire traffic along Highway 35. Be alert that Pacific Crest Trail hikers, rerouted by the fire, are walking along the shoulder of Highway 35 from its junction with Cooper Spur Road north to its junction with Parkdale Road. Also watch for hikers on back roads in the vicinity.

### 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:	5,843 acres
Fire Containment:	35%
Start Date:	August 27, 2011
Cause:	Lightning
Incident Commander:	Jeff Pendleton, PNW Team 3
Resources on the Fire:	17 crews 9 helicopters 22 engines 3 Dozers 6 water tenders
Total Personnel:	680
Jurisdiction:	USFS



Dollar Lake Fire as seen by Division A Lookout on September 10, 2011 at about 2:00 pm.

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

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