

# DOLLAR LAKE FIRE INFORMATION 541-354-1431

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Mount Hood National Forest



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## Fire Update – 09/12/2011 8:30 a.m. PT

The Dollar Lake Fire did not burn as actively as predicted on Sunday. The heavy inversion that hung over the fire for most of the day prevented the fire from growing. Visibility was poor as smoke stayed low and thick over the fire area. The fire remains 9 miles from the nearest structures along Lolo Pass Road and 2 to 3 miles east of the Bull Run Watershed.

Efforts to secure the western flank of the fire on Cathedral ridge continued. Firefighters have constructed hand line around two small spot fires near the Mazama Trail and McNeil Point in the southwest corner of the fire. Over a mile of fire hose has been placed along the west perimeter to extinguish spot fires and mop up along Cathedral Ridge. Helicopter water drops and hand line construction have also helped stop the fire's westward movement.

Fire activity is expected to be lower today as a cooler, westerly winds and higher relative humidity moves over the fire area. With added moisture, lichens and mosses will no longer contribute to the rapid spread of fire in the treetops. Firefighters will continue to scout out opportunities for additional containment lines north of the fire to help secure Saturday's northern expansion. Favorable weather will increase firefighters' opportunity to secure fire line along the northern and western perimeter.

Lost Lake Resort and campground have been reopened, but the lake surface remains closed due to safety concerns with helicopters dipping water. No swimming or boating is allowed in Lost Lake. The 13 Road and Wahtum Lake campground have also been reopened.

A westerly wind today should direct the smoke into the Hood River valley and communities of Parkdale and Odell. 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 Pacific Crest Trail hikers, rerouted by the fire, who are walking along the shoulder of Highway 35 from its junction with Cooper Spur Road north to its junction with Parkdale Road.

### **CLOSURES**

**Area & Road:** Forest Roads: 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 resort & Campground are open but the surface of lake remains closed (no swimming or boating is allowed on the 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

<b>Quick Facts</b>	
<b>Dollar Lake Fire Summary</b>	
Location:	20 Miles Southwest of Hood River, OR
Approximate Size:	6,169 acres
Fire Containment:	35%
Start Date:	August 27, 2011
Cause:	Lightning
Incident Commander:	Jeff Pendleton, PNW Team 3
Resources on the Fire:	16 crews 9 helicopters 21 engines 3 Dozers 6 water tenders
Total Personnel:	680
Jurisdiction:	USFS

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