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Riverside Fire – September 13, 2020 Morning Update

Acres: 132,526

Start Date: September 8, 2020

Total Personnel: 315 total personnel

Percent Containment: 0%

Cause: Human

Flight Restriction in Effect; If You Fly, We Can't – Do Not Fly Drones Near Wildfires

Yesterday firefighters were able to create dozer line around spot fires on the west side of the fire to help secure the areas closest to the communities of Estacada and Molalla

Today firefighters will continue suppressing and securing hotspots on the northwest flank of the Riverside Fire near Estacada and the southwest side near Molalla. Public and firefighter safety and property conservation remain the focus. Crews are also working on the north end of the fire above the North Fork Reservoir and looking at opportunities to move towards the east. Lots of scouting is happening today around other areas of the fire in preparation as we begin to receive more resources. The Incident Management Team (IMT) will be coordinating with IMTs on the Beachie Creek and Lionshead Fires to the south to coordinate containment efforts.

Today firefighters will be using two unmanned aerial systems (UAS, or drones) to assess fire conditions from the air. Helicopters will begin working as soon as visibility allows.

A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is in effect. Do not fly drones near wildfires. If you fly, we can't. All firefighting aircraft will all be grounded if a drone is spotted in the area. knowbeforeyoufly.org/uasandwildfires/ and nifc.gov/drones.

Widespread dense wildfire smoke will continue today, resulting in potentially 'hazardous' air quality ratings for numerous communities. Visit oregonsmoke.blogspot.com to learn more about protecting your health from smoke.

Fire update videos will be posted on facebook.com/RiversideFireInfo and shared on inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7174/ and twitter.com/fire_riverside.

There are numerous road closures in the greater Clackamas County area. Visit TripCheck.com for updates.

The Mt. Hood National Forest is currently under a full Forest closure including all campgrounds, roads, and trails. This includes dispersed camping. More info: <https://go.usa.gov/xGkQv>.

Due to extreme fire danger and fire activity State Forests in Oregon are currently closed. A Regulated-Use Closure is in place for forestlands protected by Oregon Department of Forestry's North Cascade District. <https://go.usa.gov/xG9Th>

Large portions of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands are also closed. More info: <https://go.usa.gov/xG92s>

Clackamas County Evacuation Map & Info: clackamas.us/wildfires, twitter.com/ClackCoSheriff, or 503-655-8224

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