

NEWS RELEASE

Corner Creek Fire

Sugarloaf Fire



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The Corner Creek Fire continues to grow to the south and west along the South Fork John Day River. Extremely hot and dry weather conditions are causing the fire to run, spot, and torch into timber and rangeland, burning actively about 11 miles south of Dayville. Firefighters continue to work to protect structures near the fire and prevent the fire from crossing to the east side of the river. The fire is anticipated to burn actively into the night. Night shift firefighters will concentrate on structure protection, preventing the fire from crossing the river and checking the spread of the fire to the south.

The South Fork Road/Co. Rd. 42 is closed to the general public from near Dayville to south of the US Forest Service 58 Road junction due to fire activity. A forest closure has also been issued for part of the Ochoco National Forest near the Corner Creek Fire, including the Black Canyon Wilderness and Frazier and Mud Springs campgrounds.

The Sugarloaf Fire continues to burn on its northeast edge in areas with heavy fuels. Mop up and hazardous tree felling continue in this area. The rest of the Sugarloaf Fire and all of the Blue Basin Fire have little heat and are being patrolled, with emphasis on the areas around the structures. Fire personnel and equipment not needed on these fires are being reassigned to the Corner Creek Fire.

A Red Flag Warning is in effect until Saturday at 8:00 p.m., indicating an increased chance of fire development and spread. The hot, dry weather with periods of gusty winds are expected to continue into the weekend.

Information about the Sugarloaf/Corner Creek Fire is posted online at www.centralorfireinfo.blogspot.com.

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