

Archie Creek & Thielsen

NORTHWEST INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM 12

Incident Commander: Bob Shindelar

October 14, 2020

The Archie Creek Fire is east of Roseburg in the North Umpqua corridor on state, private, and federal land. The Thielsen Fire is located five miles north of Crater Lake near Diamond Lake on National Forest lands. Both fires received between an additional quarter to half inch of rain yesterday. There is a warming and drying trend starting today and extending through the weekend. Winds will be out of the north at 8-12 mph in the valleys, with northwest winds 10-14 mph on the ridges. Temperatures today will be 55-60 on the Archie Creek Fire and 50-55 on the Thielsen Fire.

Yesterday's Operations:

Archie Creek – Firefighters patrolled and monitored around the fire perimeter. Fire crews collected equipment and supplies no longer needed on the fire and returned these supplies back to base camp. Suppression repair work continued to minimize erosion and protect resources. Crews continued removal of hazard trees along roads. The BAER team continued their post-wildfire assessments to determine appropriate mitigation actions on National Forest lands.

Thielsen – Fire crews continued patrol and suppression repair work along containment lines. In the North Diamond Division, firefighters improved ingress and egress to Highway 138 and removed hazard trees along FS 005 road. Additionally, firefighters removed debris in the southern area and chipped vegetation debris in the northern area.

Today's Operations:

Archie Creek – Firefighters will be in patrol and monitor status around the fire today. Firefighters are continuing their work on suppression repair of the containment lines to restore natural drainage on the landscape. Resource Advisors from the Forest Service will continue working with firefighters during implementation of suppression repairs to minimize erosion and protect resources. Fire crews are collecting any remaining equipment and litter on the fire. Firefighters are removing dangerous fire-weakened trees and snags along roads. The BAER team continues to assess post-wildfire environmental conditions and determine appropriate actions to mitigate the effects of fire suppression on National Forest lands.

Thielsen – Fire crews will be patrolling and focusing on suppression repair work along containment lines. In the North Diamond Division, work on improving ingress and egress to Highway 138 will continue. Firefighters will identify and remove hazard trees along FS 005 road. Firefighters will continue debris removal in the southern area and chipping in the northern area.

Safety Message & Help for Fire Victims:

Please stay out of fire closure areas for your safety and that of the firefighters. Sawyers are felling hazard trees along roadway corridors, and there is increased traffic as firefighters reposition heavy equipment on narrow roads. Visit the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality at <http://www.oregon.gov/deg> for Air Quality information. Be cautious driving in low visibility conditions. Disaster aid, and organizations helping victims of the Archie Creek Fire, can be found at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/article/7176/57029/>.



Archie Creek: 131,542 acres

CONTAINMENT: 95%

PERSONNEL: 234

Thielsen: 9,975 acres

COMPLETION: 75%

PERSONNEL: 83

CAUSE: under investigation for both fires

MILES OF FIRELINE REPAIRED: 92.1 (across both fires)

MILES OF REPAIRED ROADS: 51.7 (across both fires)

RESOURCES:

	Archie Creek	Thielsen
Hand Crews	2	0
Engines	4	2
Dozers	1	1
Water Tenders	0	3

FIRE INFORMATION:

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INCIWEB:

<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7176/>

FACEBOOK:

<https://www.facebook.com/ArchieCreekThielsenFireInfo/>

Closures, Restrictions & Evacuations:

- **Due to cooler temperatures and rain this week, Public Use Restrictions have been removed** on Umpqua National Forest and Roseburg District BLM lands. Fire season remains in effect, however campfires in undeveloped sites and outside of approved fire rings will be allowed on Roseburg BLM and U.S. Forest Service lands. Members of the public are reminded to never leave a campfire burning unattended and to make sure the campfire is completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- **Roads** – Highway 138E is open, but delays should be expected. The route to Miller Lake via FS Road 9772 remains closed from the intersection with Hwy. 97 to the intersection with FS Road 110 due to firefighter traffic. Drivers are being directed to take FS Road 9774 to connect with FS Road 110 as an alternate route. See www.tripcheck.com for updates on highway closures.
- **Bureau of Land Management** – All BLM-managed lands in the Swiftwater Resource Area east of the Range 3 and 4 boundary line and north of Little River Road are closed. This includes portions of Rock Creek Road and all BLM recreation and day use sites within the closure boundary, including Rock Creek, Lone Pine, Millpond, Scaredman and Susan Creek campgrounds. Cavitt Creek Falls Campground is closed for the season. For more information, see <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/article/7176/57115/>
- **Umpqua National Forest** – Sections of the North Umpqua and Diamond Lake Districts remain under a fire closure order. Umpqua Hot Springs, fire lookouts, cabins and group picnic sites remain closed. Diamond Lake Resort and Diamond Lake are now open for public recreation, but Diamond Lake Campground is closed for the rest of the year. North Umpqua District closure: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/article/7176/57090/> and Diamond Lake District closure: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/article/7195/57398/>. More information on Forest Service closures is available at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/umpqua/alerts-notice>. The Umpqua National Forest is currently at Industrial Fire Precaution Level I. The fire danger is Moderate.
- **Temporary Flight Restriction** – No temporary flight restrictions are in effect for the Archie Creek or Thielsen Fires.
- **Evacuations** – No evacuations remain in place.