



Cherry Road Fire Update

Fact Sheet August 24, 2016 – AM

Announcements: Lake Owyhee State Park (see the Oregon State Park's web site <http://www.Oregonstateparks.org>), including McCormack and Indian Creek Campgrounds, the Cherry Creek resort, and the Succor Creek Campground are scheduled to open at noon today. The mid-day opening will allow for fire traffic to enter the fire area prior to the public accessing facilities. It is **important** for the recreating public to recognize: suppression efforts are on-going including a heavy volume of fire traffic on single lane roads and extra caution will be need while driving within the fire area.

Fire Information Center: (541) 670-0812

Information Websites: *Inciweb* – <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4974> and *Facebook* Cherry Road Fire

Incident Management: Northwest Incident Management Team 8, Doug Johnson Incident Commander (IC), is managing the fire. IC Johnson would like to thank the Bureau of Land Management Type 3 Team, local protection associations, and volunteers for the successful suppression efforts on the Cherry Road Fire. The incident command post is located in Homedale, Idaho at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds.

Fire Size: 35,100 acres

Percent Contained: 70%

Structures Threatened: 1

Closures: Cherry Creek Resort, Succor Creek Campground and the Lake Owyhee State Park including McCormack and Indian Creek Campgrounds are closed. These areas scheduled to open at noon today.

Cause: Fire started August 21, 2016. The cause is under investigation.

Resources: Total personnel assigned 265; 1-type 1 hand crew, 2-type 2 hand crews, 2-camp crews, 2-helicopters, 23-engines, 2-dozers and 3-water tenders. Resources excess to operational needs are being released to assist with other incidents or return home.

Air Operations: A temporary flight restriction (TFR) is in place restricting aerial public access. The public is reminded all air operations are grounded any time a drone is sighted within the TFR, delaying fire suppression efforts. Flying within the TFR is against the law.

Weather: A dry northwest flow will maintain the below normal temperatures near 81 degrees with humidity in the low to mid-teens. Winds will be generally breezy from the north 10 – 15 mph with gusts to 25 mph.

Today's Operations: The fire continues to back towards the reservoir in two locations in steep terrain and are being monitored by firefighters. Firefighters will patrol and hold containment lines; rehabilitate suppression efforts by pulling dozer berms and water barring containment lines; and cooling hot spots. The fire has burned in Greater Sage Grouse habitat and wild horse management areas; the Wild Horse Basin Wilderness Study Area, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, and several grazing allotments.

