

SCOTT MOUNTAIN FIRE



Willamette National Forest



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Yesterday's Activities: The wind-driven fire grew to the west and north last night. Pacific Northwest Team 3, a Type 1 incident command team, assumed command of the fire yesterday evening at 6:00pm. The incident command post is being set-up at Strube Flat.

Weather and Fire Behavior: The thermal trough to the west will pass over the fire today, resulting in erratic winds with gusts to 18 miles per hour. Today's temperatures should be in the 80's with low humidity and fuel moisture. Active fire behavior is expected to the south and southeast, with increased potential for torching and visible column development this afternoon.

Today's Planned Actions: Firefighters will continue to establish a secure perimeter around the fire and protect critical resources.

The Scott Mountain Fire will be managed for multiple objectives. Firefighter safety is always the first priority. Other objectives for the fire include keeping the fire out of the Anderson Creek drainage, active timber sales on the Willamette National Forest, spotted owl habitat and developed sites to the south of Mt. Washington Wilderness.

Within the Mt. Washington Wilderness, firefighters will continue to use techniques that minimize the impact of suppression efforts on the character of the wilderness.

Closures: An emergency closure is in place for the area bounded by Oregon State Highway 126 on the west, bounded by Oregon State Highway 242 on the south and described by the Deschutes/Linn County Line on the east. The northern boundary of the closure is defined by the section line separating Sections 25 and 36 in T 14 S, R 7 ½ E and east from there to the intersection of the Section line separating Sections 29 and 32 in T 14 S, R 7 E with Highway 126.

The closure includes all roads east of Highway 126, many of which access trailheads into the Mt Washington wilderness. The primary roads are: 2664 (Robinson Lake), 2657 (Olallie), 2653 (Boulder Creek), 2649 (Scott Creek), and 2647 (Cupola). Additionally, Scott Lake and Alder Springs campgrounds are closed and visitors have been required to leave. Trails 3508 Robinson Lake, 3513 (Hand Lake) and 3502 (Benson Lake) are also closed.

State Highways 126 and 242, the Pacific Crest Trail, Belknap Crater Trail and Limberlost Campground are open. The public is encouraged to avoid using Highway 242 as that is the route that fire crews are using and there is a lot of traffic on the road.

This Fire Update was produced by the Scott Mountain Information Center staffed by PNW Team 3 Incident Management Team.

Quick Facts Scott Mountain Fire Summary

Location:	14 Miles Northeast of McKenzie Bridge
Approximate Size:	600 acres as of 6:30pm 8/24/2010
Fire Containment:	0%
Start Date:	August 19, 2010
Cause:	Lightning
Incident Commander:	Jeff Pendleton, PNW Team 3
Resources on the Fire:	10 crews 3 helicopters 1 engines 2 water tenders
Total Personnel:	147
Landowners:	USFS



Photo by: Tom Iraci

This photo was taken from along McKenzie Highway west of McKenzie Pass along a stretch of lava field before it descends into the woods on the way to Scott Lake turn-off.

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