



Willamette National Forest



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**Fire Update – 08/29/2010 10:00 a.m. PT**

The Scott Mountain fire, located in the Mt. Washington Wilderness, is burning in an area where fire has played a historic role; as such it is providing some benefit to the landscape. The strategy for this fire is to make use of those benefits while protecting structures and resources like the Anderson Creek watershed to the west of the wilderness which is the water source for the greater Eugene area.

**Yesterday’s Activities:** The weather was cooler with rain in the afternoon. Firefighters began burning dead, downed wood between the containment line and the western-most edge of the fire. Much of the work to clear brush and strengthen containment lines was completed.

**Weather and Fire Behavior:** The current cooling trend should continue through Monday. Temperatures are predicted to be 59 -64 degrees with light winds in the morning and gusts in the afternoon.

**Today’s Planned Actions:** Firefighters will mop up from yesterday’s burnout on the western edge of the fire. They should complete the containment line around the fire. The containment line ties into the lava bed on the north side, improved roads and trails down the western edge and connects to hand lines on the southern end, finishing in the lava bed east of Hand Lake. Once the containment line is complete, crews will establish a secondary/contingency line.

“Scott Mountain fire has a continuous source of fuel; it is likely to creep and smolder until fall weather stops its progress,” said Ed Lewis, Incident Commander. “By establishing a containment line and backing it up with a secondary/contingency line, we retain opportunities for suppression activities to protect valuable resources while still allowing the fire to play its natural role.”

**Closures:** Hwy 242 off of Hwy 126 from White Branch gate to Dee Wright Observatory is closed to through traffic. Dee Wright Observatory is accessible from Hwy 242 at Sisters.

An emergency closure is in place for the Scott Mountain Fire area. The closure area map is available online at [www.inciweb.org](http://www.inciweb.org).

<b>Quick Facts</b> Scott Mountain Fire Summary	
Location:	14 Miles Northeast of McKenzie Bridge
Approximate Size:	3,454 acres as of 7:00am 8/29/2010
Fire Containment:	30%
Start Date:	August 19, 2010
Cause:	Lightning
Incident Commander:	Ed Lewis, PNW Team 3
Resources on the Fire:	14 crews 6 helicopters 8 engines 4 Dozers 8 water tenders
Total Personnel:	560
Jurisdiction:	USFS



Pictured above is the burnout of the western edge of the fire. Photo courtesy of Dan Eddy

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