



Willamette National Forest



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The Scott Mountain fire is mostly located in the Mt. Washington Wilderness. The suppression strategy for Scott Mountain Fire focuses on protection of structures and resources, like Anderson Creek watershed, while minimizing adverse impacts to the Wilderness.

Yesterday's Activities: Firefighters mopped-up the area on the west edge of the fire where they had burned out to strengthen the containment line.

Three masticators worked along the containment lines. A masticator is a backhoe-type vehicle with an articulating arm. On the end of the arm is a device that chops woody vegetation into mulch. The mulch remains on the ground, protecting the soil and returning nutrients.

Hose lays around the structures at the south end of the fire were put in place and tested.

Crews responded to a hold-over lightning fire at the end of Forest Service road 555. That fire was contained.

| Quick Facts Scott Mountain Fire Summary | |
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| Location: | 14 Miles Northeast of McKenzie Bridge |
| Approximate Size: | 3,454 acres |
| Fire Containment: | 30% |
| Start Date: | August 19, 2010 |
| Cause: | Lightning |
| Incident Commander: | Ed Lewis, PNW Team 3 |
| Resources on the Fire: | 13 crews 5 helicopters 7 engines 2 Dozers 8 water tenders |
| Total Personnel: | 547 |
| Jurisdiction: | USFS |

Weather and Fire Behavior: The Cool temperatures and high humidity are expected to continue until mid to late week. While the continuous heavy fuels still hold fire, the fire perimeter isn't expected to grow until temperatures rise and humidity levels drop.

Today's Planned Actions: Firefighters are putting the finishing touches on the containment lines and continuing to mop-up from the burnout.

As the containment lines are finished, crews and equipment will be released. Plans are being developed for staffing and burn-out operations when weather conditions change.

Closures: Highway 242 re-opens tonight at 7:00 p.m. The emergency closure remains in place for the Scott Mountain Fire area. A map of the closure area is available online at www.inciweb.org.

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