



Willamette National Forest



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Fire Update – 08/31/2010 10:00 a.m. PT

ATTENTION HUNTERS: Portions of the Mt. Washington Wilderness and National Forest lands managed by the McKenzie River Ranger District are closed. Please see www.inciweb.org for the closure map.

Hwy 242 is open to through traffic from Hwy 126 to Sisters.

The Scott Mountain Fire objective for providing firefighter safety, protecting resources and structures continues to be met.

Yesterday's Activities: Crews continued to clean up and secure the fire line, and work on establishing the secondary/contingency lines. Slash and brush clearing is almost complete. Roads and trails in good condition for future use.

Weather and Fire Behavior: The weather yesterday was cooler with 1/2 to 3/4 inches of rain in the morning and snow on the south end of the fire. The current cooling trend should continue through today with gradual warming by Wednesday. Fire behavior is mild, and heavy woody fuels continue to burn even with low moisture.

Quick Facts Scott Mountain Fire Summary	
Location:	14 Miles Northeast of McKenzie Bridge
Approximate Size:	3,454 acres as of 7:00 p.m. 8/30/2010
Fire Containment:	30%
Start Date:	August 19, 2010
Cause:	Lightning
Incident Commander:	Jeff Pendleton PNW Team 3
Resources on the Fire:	10 crews 3 helicopters 3 engines 1 Dozers 1 water tenders
Total Personnel:	397
Jurisdiction:	USFS

Today's Planned Actions: Firefighters will finish reinforcing the fire lines on the west flank of the fire, and continue work on the secondary/contingency lines. There is a strong containment line around the fire in preparation for dry conditions and east winds that can occur in September. If the fire becomes active again due to east wind conditions, firefighters will be able to respond more quickly.

There will be a transfer of command from Pacific Northwest Incident Management Team 3 to a local fire organization who will assume management of the fire beginning tomorrow, September 1. Some crews and equipment are being released from the fire today. This will be the last update from this team.

The Pacific Northwest Management Team 3 would like to thank the surrounding communities for their support and understanding during this fire. We appreciate all of the interest and consideration that was given to the firefighters.

Closures: An emergency closure is in place for the Scott Mountain Fire area. The closure area map is available online at www.inciweb.org.

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