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# Deception Complex FIRE UPDATE

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<b>Current Status</b>	<p><b>Updates will be intermittent for the duration of the incident.</b></p> <p>The fire complex includes the Deception Creek, Staley, Davey, Pool Creek, Spirit Ridge and Edith fires. The intensity of burning within fire containment lines moderated significantly in the past 48 hours due to over 1-inch of rain across the fire area on Wednesday. Fire spread is still limited to creeping and smoldering within containment lines.</p>
<b>Plans for Today</b>	<p>All Divisions will continue mopping up hot spots along Deception fire perimeter and suppression repair of roads and fire lines. Crews are in the process of retrieving over 70 miles of hose and other water handling equipment from the fire area.</p> <p>A <b>Burned Area Emergency Response</b> team (BAER) has been surveying the Deception Fire for several days, with crews on the ground and satellite imagery, to identify areas of high burn severity. They will be determining any immediate post-fire threats to life, property, and critical natural and cultural resources. They will be issuing a report and maps of their findings soon.</p>
<b>Fire Weather</b>	<p>Fire activity will further decrease today with cooler temperatures and possible rain showers and higher humidities. Cool and wet weather will be continuing the next several days, with a chance for heavier rain by Monday.</p>
<b>Estimated Acreage</b>	<p><b>Deception Creek:</b> 6,033 acres  <b>Staley:</b> 262 acres — <b>Davey:</b> 36 acres — <b>Pool Creek:</b> 22 acres  <b>Edith:</b> 4 acres — <b>Spirit Ridge:</b> 17 acres</p>
<b>Containment</b>	<p>Deception Creek Fire is 95% contained</p>
<b>Resources on Fires</b>	<p>Total Personnel: 187 — 3 crews, 3 helicopters, 5 engines, 2 water tenders</p>
<b>Cause / Date</b>	<p>Deception Complex fires were started by multiple lightning storms, beginning on August 11, 2014.</p>
<b>Cooperators</b>	<p>Lane County, Oregon Dept. of Transportation, Oregon State Police, Oakridge Fire Department, Oregon Dept. of Forestry, Bureau of Reclamation</p>
<b>Other information</b>	<p>Residents and visitors will still experience fire traffic. Stay safe by driving with lights on and using caution in and around Oakridge, especially on Highway 58 west of Oakridge at forest road junctions.</p> <p><b>The public use restrictions on campfires, chainsaws and other ignition sources has been lifted. The fire closure area has been reduced on the Umpqua National Forest side of fire complex.</b></p> <p>Area, road and trail closures can be viewed at:  Willamette National Forest <a href="http://fs.usda.gov/willamette">fs.usda.gov/willamette</a>  Umpqua National Forest <a href="http://fs.usda.gov/umpqua">fs.usda.gov/umpqua</a></p>