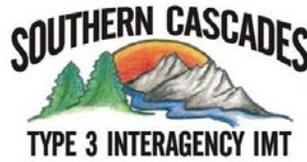




Willamette National Forest



Neil Miller  
Hans Schmidt (trainee)  
Incident Commander  
Type 3 Interagency IMT

## Fire Update – 08/07/2016 12:00 p.m. PT

**Closure Order:** The McKenzie River Trail between Trail Bridge Campground and Carmen Reservoir is closed and there is no access to the Blue Pool area. The fire, smoke, falling trees and rocks pose a high safety risk. Additional law enforcement officers are patrolling the fire area to ensure public and firefighter safety. <http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/willamette/alerts-notice>.

### UPDATE

Firefighters on the Blue Top fire maintained all containment lines yesterday, and fire managers are optimistic that full containment will be achieved on Monday August 8. The McKenzie River Trail and Blue Pool area will remain closed until weakened trees and other hazards are removed and damaged slopes are repaired.

The Incident Management Team will transfer command of the fire to the McKenzie River Ranger District at 12:00 noon today. Incident Commanders Neil Miller and Hans Schmidt thanked all team members and firefighters for their dedication and commitment during this small but difficult fire.

Mop up operations and patrol will continue today, and security personnel will enforce the trail and fire area closures. Chipping along roadsides will continue.

Resource advisors are designing measures to restore sensitive areas impacted by firefighting activities. Repairing access roads, decompacting trails and mulching bare areas will help protect the McKenzie River fire area from future erosion. Strategies will be implemented once fire danger has passed.

Firefighting vehicles continue to use Hwy 126 for access to the fire, and the public is encouraged to reduce speeds and stay alert in the fire area.

The McKenzie River area has many beautiful recreation sites. The McKenzie-Santiam Scenic Byway (Hwy 242) provides access to waterfalls, lakes, volcanoes, ancient lava flows, and the historic Dee Wright Observatory, and offers spectacular views of distant mountains. A 2.6 mile loop connects the roaring Sahalie and Koosah Falls. There are many shaded and secluded campsites along the McKenzie River, which is designated as a National Wild and Scenic River.

Detailed information regarding the fire is available on Inciweb: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4919/>.

Quick Facts Blue Top Fire Summary	
Location:	12 miles Northeast of McKenzie Bridge, Oregon
Approximate Size:	58 acres
Fire Containment:	80%
Start Date:	July 27, 2016
Cause:	Under Investigation
Incident Commander:	Neil Miller, Hans Schmidt (t), Type 3 Team
Resources on the Fire:	(3) Type 2 Handcrews 1 Engine 1 Dozer 2 Water tenders Type 3 Helicopter
Total Personnel:	103
Jurisdiction:	USFS



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