

Horse Creek Complex and Rebel Fire

Update for Monday, Sept. 18, 2017, 9 a.m.

Fire Information: (541) 719-8371

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Rebel Fire: 8,653 acres

Horse Creek Complex: Olallie Lookout Fire, 1,572 acres; Roney Fire, 3,548 acres; Avenue Fire, 2,962 acres; Separation Fire, 17,747 acres; Nash Fire, 6,738 acres.

Total all fires: 41,220 acres (An IR flight was unable to be conducted last night so no change in acreage could be measured.)

Current Resources: Personnel, 375; Crews, 10; Helicopters, 4; Engines, 19; Dozers, 2; Water Tenders, 3; Skidgens, 2.

Current Situation:

Weather: A definite change of weather pattern is underway today. The forecast calls for southwest winds gusting up to 35 mph along ridges. A prolonged wetting rain event continues with accumulation of up to 1" by Tuesday morning. Weather will be the deciding factor on field operations today.

Avenue Fire: The fire continues to advance downslope and to the west towards containment lines. Crews are beginning to inventory and remove pumps and hose that are not needed from along roads. Crews will monitor fire lines. Smoldering fuels will continue to produce some smoke.

Separation Fire: The fire continues to move north toward the Mount Washington Wilderness. A burn out completed the fireline on the western edge of the fire north of Hwy 242. Site protection is in place at the Melakwa Boy Scout camp and fuels around the camp have been burned out by handcrews. Crews will continue mop-up and removing hazard trees at Melakwa Boy Scout Camp as weather today permits.

Nash Fire: Crews will pull structure protection in the Elk Lake area and remove unused equipment along the Cascade Lakes Highway as well as signs and flagging marking drop points. Crews are cleaning up brush and removing slash from the fuel break along the highway. Travelers are advised to use caution when passing fire crews and heavy equipment operating in the area.

Rebel Fire: As weather allows, crews will continue direct control efforts on the southwest side of the Rebel fire to protect values within the Green Mountain Timber Sale. They will also remove unused hose and downed logs along the 19 Road.

Roney and Olallie Lookout Fires: Crews are monitoring both fires.

Evacuations: No change was noted in evacuation levels in the McKenzie areas. Lane County information and maps are available at <http://bit.ly/2gPHzAn>. Deschutes County information is available from the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, (541) 693-6911 or www.deschutes.org/emergency.

Flight Restrictions: A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is in place over the fires to provide a safe environment for firefighting aircraft operations. It is not legal to operate any aircraft (including drones) within a TFR. More information on the TFR is available at <http://tfr.faa.gov/tfr2/list.html>

National Forest Closure Orders: Current information about closures on the Willamette and Deschutes National Forests is available at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/willamette/fire/?cid=fseprd552029>
<http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/Deschutes/alerts-notice>.