

## Horse Creek Complex and Rebel Fire

Update for Monday, Oct. 2, 2017, 9 a.m.

Fire Information: (541) 719-8371

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**Attention:** Heavy equipment is operating on Highway 242, Old McKenzie Highway, removing hazardous trees. This operation is underway for the Separation Fire on the west side of the Cascade Crest and the Millie Fire to the east of the crest. The wood product is hauled over the road from each site to be sorted for firewood, fish habitat restoration, and merchantable materials. For the safety of the public and the crews doing the work, the road is closed to all traffic including hikers, bicyclists and skateboarders.

**Current Situation:** Periods of rain and occasional snow slowed progress across the complex Sunday. Firefighter safety and welfare is a priority, there is no urgency requiring crews to keep working in rain and cold temperatures. Today will be mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of afternoon rain and snow showers. Tuesday is forecast to be mostly sunny with milder temperatures. A warming trend is expected to continue through the rest of the week.

Grading work will continue on the Separation Fire as roads dry out. Trees have been picked up along Horse Creek Road. Chipping and control line repairs around the Avenue Fire will continue. Mechanical problems with equipment on Forest Service Road 19 have slowed progress. The hazardous tree removal still continues but will require keeping the Aufderheide Scenic Byway closed to the public.

**Forest Roads Open:** The following Forest Service Roads along Highway 126 are open to the public: FSR 2664, Robinson Lake Road; FSR 2657, Olallie Creek Road; FSR 2653, Boulder Creek Road; FSR 2649, Scott Creek Road; FSR 2647, Cupola Road; FSR 2643, Foley Ridge Road; and Highway 242, Old McKenzie Highway, from HWY 126 to the gate at Camp White Branch.

FSR 2639, King Road is open to FSR 2638, Horse Creek Road, but Horse Creek is closed east of this intersection.

FSR 19, Aufderheide Scenic Byway, is open, for a short distance, from HWY 126 to FSR 410, Cougar Dam Road. FSR 411 is open to allow access to the Castle Rock area. O'Leary Mountain Trail is closed as is the forest and wilderness areas south of it. The scenic byway is closed from the junction with 410, south to the Roaring Ridge South Trailhead; the trail remains closed. Cougar Reservoir, Terwilliger "Cougar" Hot Springs and other recreation sites remain closed. Forest roads 1957, 1958 and adjacent spurs are open but the forest and wilderness areas to their east are closed.

**Forest Trails Open:** In the Three Sisters Wilderness south of Skookum Creek: Erma Bells Trail #3563, Judy Lake Trail #3575, Jack Pine Way #3587, Irish Mountain Trail #3588, and Williams Lake #3589. In Mount Washington Wilderness: Robinson Lake Trailhead, Deer Butte Trail #3508 and Hand Lake Trail #3513 until they reach the closure area. On the northern edge of the wilderness, Patjens Lake Loop #3395 from Big Lake is open.