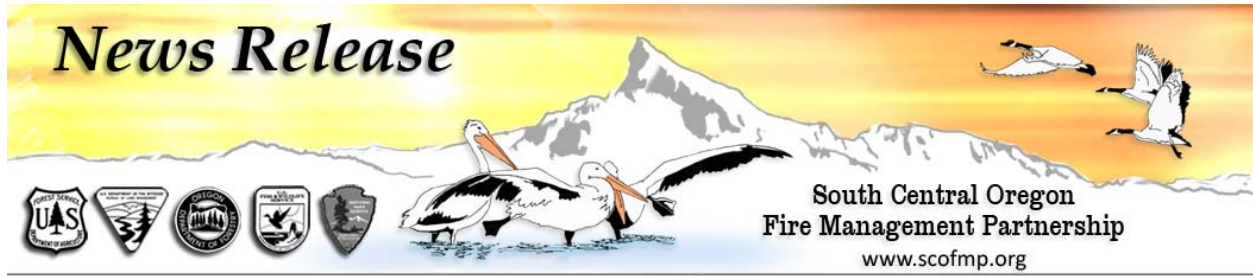


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FIRE CREWS GET UPPER HAND ON CONTAINING THE WILDCAT FIRE

Lakeview, Oregon – Interagency fire crews were given a break in the weather and managed to hold the Wildcat Fire to 51 acres. The fire, 11 miles west of Lakeview, Ore., was reported early Monday morning as lightning storms moved through the area.

The Oregon Department of Forestry, Fremont-Winema National Forests, Lakeview District Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Warner Creek Correctional Facility and private contractors worked diligently to put out this fire.

The Wildcat Fire is 25 percent contained and is expected to be fully contained by this evening. The fire is anticipated to be controlled by Friday. As a result, demobilization of personnel working the fire started today.

The public is asked to refrain from driving in the Wildcat Fire area to limit interference with firefighting equipment and personnel still engaged in mop-up efforts. Through August 22, recorded updates on the status of the Wildcat Fire may be obtained by calling (541) 947-6261.

As for other fires in south central Oregon, Lakeview Interagency Fire Center reported that all other fires contained except for the Wildcat Fire. The Klamath Falls Interagency Fire Center reported 26 of their fires were contained as of yesterday. The Bluff Fire, a four acre fire near Crater Lake National Park; and the Marsh Fire II, an 85 acre fire in Upper Klamath Marsh north of Silver Lake Highway, are still in the mop-up stages. The cold weather has helped considerably with the fire efforts yet, temperatures will start to rise later this week.

For more information about public use restrictions currently in effect and how you can prevent wildfires, contact your local Oregon Department of Forestry, Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or U.S. Park Service.

For additional fire information visit:

Lakeview Interagency Fire Center
<http://www.scofmp.org/lifc.shtml>

Klamath Falls Interagency Fire Center
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/kfifc/intel.html>

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