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Road and Area Closures Lifted on Otter Creek Fire

All road and area closures associated with the Otter Creek Fire will be lifted as of 6:00 AM August 28, 2007. The Otter Creek Fire is 95% contained and has burned 3,039 acres, 10 miles east of Dale, Oregon.

The public is reminded to be aware of their surroundings when entering a recent wildfire area. Common hazards include falling snags or trees, especially on windy days. Rolling material such as rocks or logs, and holes from burned out stumps are also safety concerns.

Patchy areas of smoke and hot spots could flare up without warning when traveling through the wildfire area. Small scattered concentrations of fuel in the interior will continue to burnout creating smoke that may be visible from surrounding areas.

Firefighting resources will remain to patrol the area, extinguish hot spots and rehabilitate fire line. Travelers can expect to encounter increased firefighter traffic in the vicinity of the fire.

For specific wildfire information, please contact the Umatilla National Forest at 541-278-3716 or visit the Forest web site at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/> or the inciweb web site at: <http://www.inciweb.org>.

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