

NEWS RELEASE

Umatilla National Forest



541-278-3722 (Joani Bosworth, Public Affairs, Umatilla N.F.)

UPDATE

**Provided by the Oregon/California Incident Command Team
Trout Meadows Fire Update: Tuesday, August 7, 2007**

Fire Information: 541-427-3079

Incident Command Post located at the Sports Park in Ukiah, OR

Isolated showers were reported near the Trout Meadows Fire yesterday but most of the rain was away from the fire and very brief. Crews will be on alert today for any ground strikes that may be smoldering and develop into a new fire start. Initial attack and air resources will be in place to quickly respond to any new reported fire. One light and two medium-lift helicopters are available along with fixed-wing air tankers stationed in LaGrande, OR.

The north and northeastern flanks of the fire are completely lined and fire hoses are in place to help crews in the mop-up phase of the fire suppression tasks. Structure protection is in place for the private cabins located near the fire. The Trout Meadows Fire is now 15 percent contained and 2,710 acres in size. There are 550 people assigned to the fire.

Crews will begin burn-out operations in the northwest and south eastern perimeter of the fire which will produce large quantities of smoke. Depending on the wind direction at the time, communities to the northeast of the fire should expect periods of smoke overhead.

Portions of Forest Service Roads 51 and 52 through the fire area are closed to the public and intermittent heavy smoke will continue to occur throughout the North Fork John Day Ranger District. Numerous trails within the Wilderness are also closed. The public is advised to check with the local U. S. Forest Service Office as individual road and trail closures will change subject to fire behavior.