

# NEWS RELEASE

## Umatilla National Forest

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### UPDATE

**Provided by the Oregon/California Incident Command Team  
Trout Meadows Fire Update: Monday, August 13, 2007 8:00 AM**

#### **Fire Information: 541-427-3079**

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

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Gusty winds across the fire area yesterday did not cause any fire problems but fire crews were extra careful in their monitoring for spot fires that may have crossed the line. The very low relative humidities combined with the low moisture levels in the live and dead vegetation created burning conditions that completely and quickly consumed the fuels. An aerial reconnaissance of the entire fire yesterday revealed that there were very few areas smoking from the past few days burn-out operations near the fire line. The interior of the fire had only small pockets of unburned fuels that were occasionally torching, or consuming the crowns of the trees.

The mission for the fire crews is evolving to a mop-up and rehabilitation task from a line construction and improvement job. All burning material is to be extinguished 300' from the fire line, and further if topographic conditions warrant. The winds remained favorable and were blowing from the southwest into the fire along the southern part of the fire.

The Trout Meadows Fire, located 30 miles southeast of Ukiah, Oregon, is now 70 % contained. Better mapping techniques using a GIS (Geographic Information Systems) computer combined with GPS (Global Positioning Systems) technologies, have refined the acreage estimates to 3, 890 acres of burned area. There are now 749 people assigned to this fire, but in the next few days these numbers will decline as the workload decreases. There are also four helicopters, 14 fire engines, and nine water tenders on the fire. Tonight will be the last time that fire crews will be camped at Moon Meadows. All operations will be based at the Incident Command Post located in Ukiah, OR.

Last night another infra-red flight was taken and the coordinates for those hot areas will be given to fire crews today. They can quickly re-locate them on the ground and if they are close to the fire line, they will prioritize them for work and utilize the water system installed along the fire line to extinguish any burning material.

One minor injury was reported yesterday. A fire fighter hyper-extended his knee after a long walk into the Wilderness. Portions of Forest Service Roads 51 and 52 remain closed to the public due to firefighting traffic and smoke in the area. Numerous road, trail and area closures are also in effect near the fire and the public is advised to visit the Umatilla National Forest web site at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/> or the inciweb web site at: <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/907/> for the latest information, maps and photos.