

# NEWS RELEASE

## Umatilla National Forest

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### UPDATE

**Provided by the Oregon/California Incident Command Team  
Trout Meadows Fire Update: Tuesday, August 14, 2007 8:00 AM**

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

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

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Fire crews made great progress with their containment and mop-up efforts yesterday. Multiple interior fires and small columns of smoke could be seen inside the fire perimeter but did not challenge the fire lines. No spot fires were reported yesterday which was the first day that this occurred since the beginning of the fire.

Crews will continue to mop-up any smokes near the fire line and begin the rehabilitation of fire suppression activities. Crews and an aerial reconnaissance of the western line along the Pack Saddle Trail did not report any smokes within a significant distance from the fire line. The north and east edges of the fire line also looked very cool with few smokes visible anywhere near the fire line.

Today, temperatures are expected to be 4 to 5 degrees hotter and the relative humidity is predicted to be down at least 2 percent to around 12 percent. With these conditions, fuels (live and dead vegetation), will be consumed very rapidly and most of the smoldering material will not be present in a few days.

Some of the excess fire fighting resources will begin to be released today for a needed break to rest and resupply for other assignments. Fire crews will also begin to bring back any unused equipment and garbage from the North Fork John Day Wilderness. The rehabilitation plans for the Wilderness are very specific and crews will closely follow the objectives of leaving very little evidence of human activities. Stumps from trees that were cut for fire line construction near established recreation trails will be re-cut or cut flush to mask or soften their appearance from the trail.

The 3, 890 acre Trout Meadows Fire, located 30 miles southeast of Ukiah, Oregon, is now 80 % contained. There are now 674 people assigned to this fire, but this number will dramatically be reduced in the next few days. There are also three helicopters, 11 fire engines, and seven water tenders on the fire.

One minor injury was reported yesterday when a fire fighter twisted his knee. 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.