



**UMATILLA NATIONAL FOREST**  
**Trout Meadows Fire Update**  
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On Friday, conditions were favorable for mop up operations on the Trout Meadows Fire. Slightly cooler temperatures, higher relative humidity and mild winds allowed crews to obtain 100% containment of the fire. Three of the four crews assigned to the Trout Meadows Fire also worked to bring four truckloads of firefighting equipment back to the supply cache in Ukiah. Hauling equipment off the fire is necessary before rehab of the firelines in the wilderness area can begin. The Maine IMT is currently working with a resource advisor to prepare a plan to rehabilitate the firelines. This will help to maintain the wilderness character of the area. The fourth crew continued aggressive mop up on the Big Creek Fire. Due to the steep and rugged terrain, several bladder bags of water were airlifted to the crew. Plans have also been made for additional sling loads of water to be brought in on Saturday. It is likely that roads, trails and campgrounds near the North Fork John Day Wilderness should be open early next week. For more information, visit the Umatilla National Forest web site at [www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/) or [www.inciweb.org](http://www.inciweb.org)