

# OTTER CREEK FIRE

Umatilla National Forest

## FIRE UPDATE

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IMT-II

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**Additional information available at [www.inciweb.org](http://www.inciweb.org)**

**Or call 541- 421-3073**

### For Immediate Release

The rainfall yesterday subdued the Otter Creek Fire. Firefighting resources took advantage of the favorable weather completing line construction and start with mop-up operations on the west and north flank. The focus today will be the southeast flank north of Kelsay Creek where spotting had occurred Friday. Mop-up operation is planned for this area today and will continue for the next several days.

A continuing safety concern for the firefighters and the public is the increased traffic on Hwy 395 between Meadow Brook Summit and junction of Hwy 395 and Forest Road 55 (Texas Bar Road). Those traveling on these roads are advised to be extra cautious, particularly in the morning and evening hours when fire traffic is leaving and returning to Incident Command Post at Meadow Brook.

Another low pressure system moves inland pushing a weak cold front across the fire area this afternoon. Forecast for today calls for cooler temperatures, partly cloudy skies with isolated showers. Maximum temperatures 63-68 degrees and SSW winds 7-12 mph in the morning becoming W 15-20 mph with gusts 20-25 mph in the afternoon.

The Blue Mountain Interagency Incident Management Team will direct all assembled resources to meet the challenges posed by the Otter Creek Fire, provide for firefighter and public safety, protect fisheries and other natural resources, and minimize costs.

Location: 10 miles east of Ukiah, OR

Start Date: 08/15/07

Cause: Lightning

Approx. Size: 3,077 acres

Assigned Resources: 3-Type I crews, 13-Type 2 crews, 1-Type 1, 3-Type 2, 2-Type 3 Helicopter, 20-Engines, 6-Dozers, 7-Water tenders, 2-Camp Crews, 94-Overhead

Containment: 20%

Total Personnel: 555

Agencies Represented: USFS, Oregon Dept. of Forestry, Oregon Dept. of Transportation, Grant County and Oregon Dept of Corrections

Due to extremely fire conditions, Public Use restrictions remain in effect and a complete campfire ban has been imposed on the following State and federal lands in NE Oregon and SE Washington: Umatilla NF, Malheur NF, Wallowa-Whitman, BLM lands in Burns BLM District and Oregon State Parks in the NE Oregon ODF Protection area.

An area closure has been implemented over the fire area. Please 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> for the latest closures, information, maps and photos.