

# 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

It was another day of progress on the Otter Creek Fire. Rehab was completed on the eastern perimeter yesterday and will go into patrol status. Today crews will continue with rehab and mop-up operation on the south flank and backhaul excess equipment. Small scattered concentrations of fuel in the interior will continue to burnout creating smoke that may be visible from surrounding communities.

The Blue Mountain Interagency Fire team will turn the fire back to the local unit on Tuesday, Aug. 28 at 6:00 a.m. Some resources will remain to patrol and extinguish hot spots that pop up. This will be the last day for the update. The phone number listed above will be disconnected Tuesday. For further fire related information visit the Umatilla NF website, listed below.

**Travelers are urged to continue to be extra cautious as there will still be fire equipment traveling on the roads in the vicinity of the Otter Creek Fire.** An area and road closure in the immediate area of the Otter Creek Fire remains in effect. Check the Umatilla N.F. Website, listed below, for specific details.

Everyone woke up chilly with frost on the ground this morning. Surface high pressure will continue to build into the area today. This will bring light winds, lower humidity, and colder nights.

The Blue Mountain Interagency Incident Management Team has directed 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: 3,039 acres

Assigned Resources: 13-Type 2 crews,  
5-Water tenders,

1-Type 2, - Helicopter,  
2-Camp Crews,

8-Engines,  
111-Overhead

Containment: 85%

Total Personnel: 475

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

Public Use Restrictions remain in effect including the ban on firewood cutting. The Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) is 2 on the Umatilla National Forest.

For specific road and area closure information 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>.