

# News Release



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## **Lightning Fires Update**

**Pendleton, OR:** Lower temperatures and higher humidity have helped firefighters gain control of numerous lightning fires scattered across lands protected by Oregon Department of Forestry, Umatilla National Forest, and Washington Department of Natural Resources.

Five new fires were reported to the Pendleton Interagency Communications Center (PICC) today bringing the total number of reported incidents from recent lightning activity to 127. The majority of these fires were less than an acre in size and quickly contained.

Fire Managers expect to have the 370-acre Eagle Creek Fire southeast of Athena, OR 100% contained by Monday, however crews still have a lot of work ahead of them. "This fire is burning in an area with a lot of dead and down timber and slash," said David King, Unit Forester for the Oregon Dept. of Forestry's Pendleton Unit. "The firefighters have done a good job containing the fire and will spend some time and effort strengthening the containment lines," said King. "This fire is going to require extensive mop-up." A fire camp has been set up at the Athena Elementary School to support the 100-plus firefighters.

The 93-acre Cable Creek Fire, burning east of Ukiah, OR, and the 100-acre Buckaroo Fire, burning west of Dale, OR, are both 100% contained and in the mop-up stage.

The public is reminded that public-use restrictions involving campfires, smoking, and travel are in effect throughout the area. If unsure of which restrictions apply, please contact any Umatilla National Forest, Oregon Department of Forestry Office or Washington Department of Natural Resources. Specific regulations are posted online at: [www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/fire/fireupdate.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/fire/fireupdate.shtml).

To report a forest fire, please contact the Pendleton Interagency Communication Center at (541) 278-3732 or dial 911.

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