



BIFZBurns Interagency Fire Zone





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Blackrock Fire 40 Percent Contained; Fire Base Camp Set Up at Crow Flat Guard Station

BURNS, Oregon – The Blackrock Fire, burning approximately 20 miles northeast of Burns in Silvies Valley is now estimated at 40 percent contained. After being discovered around 1:20 p.m. on Tuesday, fire crews, engines, dozers, and air support made quick work of the fire perimeter and established a control line around most of the incident by early Wednesday morning. Throughout the day on Wednesday, activity was moderate with isolated torching in the interior and hot spots in the timber along the southeast flank. Resources kept busy improving and securing the control line and expect more of that work Thursday along with mop-up in closed timber stands.

A fire base camp has been set up at Crow Flat Guard Station for the 110 personnel assigned to the 713-acre Blackrock Fire. With full containment, control and mop-up projected to last at least throughout the next 5-7 days, visitors to the area can expect increased traffic on roadways and should drive with caution. Also, in addition to Crow Flat, portions of Joaquin Miller Campground may be used to support firefighting resources. The campground will still be open for public use at that time.

In other recent wildfire activity, the Juniper Lake Fire grew slightly on Wednesday to approximately 4 acres. The fire is located approximately 2 miles west of Juniper Lake, burning in mostly mahogany and inaccessible due to very steep and rocky terrain.

Fire danger is rated **VERY HIGH** and the Industrial Fire Precaution Level is at a level 3. A regulated fire closure and public use restrictions for all public lands within the Burns Interagency Fire Zone are in effect.

For more information on current fire activity or public use restrictions, call (541) 573-4519. For 24-hour recorded information, call (541) 573-4555.

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