



FIRE UPDATE

EAST EVANS CREEK FIRE

Daily Update:
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Firefighters continue systematic search for remaining hotspots on East Evans Creek Fire

SAMS VALLEY, Ore. – Firefighters continued making steady progress across the East Evans Creek Fire on Monday, with crews focused on systematically gridding the fire area to locate and extinguish remaining hotspots. Hidden heat can continue to smolder beneath logs, root systems, and other heavy fuels long after flames are no longer visible, so firefighters carefully expose and extinguish each hotspot to eliminate any potential for reignition.

Overnight, firefighters took advantage of good humidity recoveries to continue mop-up operations while an Uncrewed Aircraft System (UAS) with infrared technology mapped remaining heat across the fire. The infrared imagery allows crews to quickly identify and attack hotspots that may not be visible from the ground. Light interior smoke will continue as isolated heavy fuels slowly burn within the fire perimeter.

The fire remains at 15,580 acres and 66% contained. Three chippers are also working throughout the incident today, processing brush and small trees cut during suppression efforts as firefighters continue suppression repair and remove equipment from areas where it is no longer needed.

Tuesday's weather will again be warm and dry, with temperatures in the mid-80s to around 90 degrees and low relative humidity. Firefighters will continue gridding for remaining heat, strengthening containment lines where needed, and advancing mop-up operations across the fire.

Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR): A “TFR” is in place for the fire area daily (24 hours) until further notice. Complete information is available at https://tfr.faa.gov/tfr3/?page=detail_6_4915

Flying a drone near or around a wildfire is illegal, compromises the safety of both pilots and firefighters, and interferes with firefighting efforts.



FIRE AT A GLANCE

Total Size: 15,580 acres
Containment: 66%
Cause: Vehicle into power pole

Evacuations issued by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office and Emergency Management have been downgraded to Level 1 (Be Ready).

For Up-to-date evacuations and more information is available online at:

<https://readyjacksonco.com/Emergency/emergency-information-hub-east-evans-creek-road-fire>

Find your evacuation zone here:

<https://tinyurl.com/EastEvansCreekFireEvacMap>

Fire Restrictions

ODF:

www.oregon.gov/odf/fire/pages/restrictions.aspx

BLM:

<https://www.blm.gov/programs/fire/regional-info/oregon-washington/fire-restrictions>

All Resources

Hand Crews:	43
Engines:	40
Heavy Equipment:	21
Water Tenders:	27
Aircraft:	5
Total Personnel:	1,169

Incident Commanders:

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