



FIRE UPDATE



FIELDER MOUNTAIN FIRE

Daily Update:
August 17, 2026

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Firefighting efforts help increase containment on Fielder Mountain Fire

ROGUE RIVER, Ore. – Overnight, crews at the Fielder Mountain Fire, west of Rogue River, focused on mop-up operations along the fire's perimeter. Near structures, firefighters have extended mop-up efforts to 300 feet and continue to monitor these locations to ensure no residual heat flares up and threatens homes. In other areas, mop-up has progressed 50 feet into the interior with the goal for today to keep that momentum going by strengthening the fire line and working deeper into the burned areas.

As containment increases, crews are beginning to shift from night to day operations, while others are being released to rest and recover for future assignments. The safety and well-being of firefighters remains a primary focus, supported by consistent access to care and meals. Resources from the fire are ready to respond quickly, supporting local agencies if new fires occur.

Firefighters during night shift used thermal imaging cameras and Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) equipped with infra-red technology to identify areas of heat that cannot always be seen during the day, allowing firefighters to pinpoint hotspots that require attention to secure the fire line as mop-up efforts continue. Today, firefighters will continue work to extinguish these areas of heat.

Rugged terrain in the northern part of the fire and poor road access are limiting water delivery for mop-up activities. Helicopters are continuing to provide support by filling up portable tanks for hose lays, ensuring enough water for a thorough mop-up. Even with the challenge of steep slopes, rolling rocks, and falling trees, fire line crews are progressing well into the interior of the fire. Firefighters remain on high alert for any spotting outside the perimeter and are working to take down dangerous snags to create a safer working environment for firefighters.

Evacuation levels were reduced on Saturday as crews continued progress strengthening control lines around the fire; visit <https://readyjacksonco.com/Emergency/emergency-information-hub-fielder-mountain-fire-aka-i-5-mile-marker-51-fire> for current evacuation information. Livestock assistance is still available by calling (541) 864-0546.

FIRE AT A GLANCE

Total Size: 573 acres
Containment: 29%
Cause: Vehicle-related

Evacuations

Evacuations have been issued in Jackson County:

Level 2 Be Set: JAC-052

Level 1 Be Ready: ROR-053

Find your evacuation zone here:
<https://protect.genasys.com/en>

Fire Restrictions

ODF:
www.oregon.gov/odf/fire/pages/res-trictions.aspx

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

All Resources

Hand Crews:	22
Engines:	26
Heavy Equipment:	12
Water Tenders:	15
Aircraft:	10
Total Personnel:	681

Dan Quinones
ODF CIMT 1 Incident Commander

Road closures around the fire have been lifted, however, fire personnel are still working in the area; please be aware and drive carefully if you need to be in the area.

Conditions are expected to warm up today as temperatures climb into the low 90s, with low humidity levels and light winds increasing in the late afternoon.

Evacuations: Evacuations have been issued by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office and Emergency Management. Up-to-date evacuations are available here: <https://readyjacksonco.com/Emergency/emergency-information-hub-fielder-mountain-fire-aka-i-5-mile-marker-51-fire>

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Road/Land Closures: All road closures around the fire have been lifted. All road closure information is available on <https://tripcheck.com/>

Smoke Impacts: Smoke from the Fielder Mountain Fire may settle into valleys and other low-lying areas, reducing visibility and impacting air quality in nearby communities. Individuals sensitive to smoke should take appropriate precautions. For current air quality information and smoke forecasts, visit: <https://fire.airnow.gov/>

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_5072

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

Cause: The fire started on Thursday, August 13 shortly after 3 p.m. Initial reports indicated tires on a semi-truck were on fire and flames had spread to nearby vegetation; the official cause remains under investigation.