



Confederated Tribes
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Wednesday, August 31, 2011 - 3:00 p.m.

- FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

Tom Lavagnino - Incident Information Officer (541-553-8283)

Incident Command Post is located at the Warm Springs Fire
Management Office

Start date: 8/24/11	Cause: Lightning	Estimated Size: 76,169 acres	% Contained: 15%	# of Firefighters: 1,499
Injuries to date 1	Estimated Containment: Date: 9/05/11	Closures: The Deschutes River from Warm Springs to Harpham Flat(42 miles)	# of 20-person hand crews: 47	# of helicopters: 2 Heavy-lift 1 Medium-lift 1 Light-lift Total Helicopters:4

High Cascades Complex

Firefighters made significant progress while being challenged again yesterday by windy conditions on the fires of the High Cascades Complex. Firelines continue to be established and secured on each of the fires within the complex. Highways 97 and 197 have been reopened to traffic, while highway 26 may require intermittent detours while firefighters continue to secure the eastern flank of the Powerline Fire.

A mandatory Level 3 evacuation remains in effect for 15 residences of the Sidwaller neighborhood near the Powerline Fire. A Level 1 pre-evacuation notice is in effect for an additional 27 residences in the area. Three residences in the Dry Hollow area are also under a mandatory Level 3 evacuation with 19 homes in the Seekseequa under a Level 1 pre-evacuation notice from the West Hills Fire. No homes have been lost and only one outbuilding has been burned as firefighters aggressively defended structures on multiple fire fronts. All fires within the High Cascades Complex are now estimated to cover a total of 76,169 acres.

The Deschutes River between Warm Springs and Harpham Flat (a portion of Segment 1) will reopen to public use effective midnight tonight. River users are strongly recommended to check with the Bureau of Land Management to verify the status of the river.



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The High Cascades Complex is now being managed cooperatively by the Oregon and California (ORCA) Interagency Incident Management Team (IMT), Blue Mountains Interagency Incident Management Team, and the Oregon State Fire Marshal's (OSFM) Red Team, and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. ORCA is managing the Razorback, Powerline, and West Hills Fires in unified command with OSFM Red Team, and the Blue Mountain IMT will manage fires burning on the western portion of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation, allowing Warm Springs Agency fire management personnel to resume initial attack responsibilities.

The eight structure protection task forces being managed by the OSFM Red Team consist of firefighters assembled from city and rural fire departments from the following counties: Clackamas, Hood River, Washington, Marion, Linn, Lane, Columbia, and Yamhill.

The Razorback Fire is currently estimated at 40,825 acres with yesterday's efforts focused on stopping the spread of the fire east of the Deschutes River.

The West Hills Fire is located southwest of the community of Warm Springs and is estimated to be 14,267 acres.

The Powerline Fire is located northwest of the community of Warm Springs and is estimated to be 13,914 acres.

The Seekseequa Fire, located north of the Metolius arm of Lake Billy Chinook is showing minimal fire activity and is estimated to be 7,163 acres.

The Blue Mountains IMT will be managing the Lemiti, Badger Butte, Trout Lake and miscellaneous small fires that were previously being managed by Warm Springs Agency fire management personnel. Incident Command Post is being established at Simnasho.

Note: The phone number for fire information at the Warm Springs ICP has changed and is now **541-553-8283**.



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