



Confederated Tribes
of Warm Springs
Reservation of Oregon



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Thursday, September 1, 2011 - 2:00 p.m.

- FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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

Ada Takacs – Blue Mountain Incident Information Officer

Incident Command Post is located at Simnasho

Start date: 8/24/11	Cause: Lightning	Estimated Size: 90,436 acres	% Contained: 25%	# of Firefighters: 1,682
Injuries to date 2	Estimated Containment: Date: 9/05/11	Closures: None	# of 20-person hand crews: 54	# of helicopters: 2 Heavy-lift 1 Medium-lift 1 Light-lift Total Helicopters:4

High Cascades Complex

Firefighters continued to make good progress on multiple fires within the High Cascades Complex yesterday. Today's weather forecast is for decreased winds and higher humidity across the complex and firefighting activities will focus on constructing containment lines and securing established firelines. Highway 26 is now open, and the closure of the recreation activities on the Deschutes River is no longer in effect. Fires within the complex are now being managed by the ORCA and Blue Mountain Incident Management Teams (IMT), with structural protection being provided by six strike teams managed by the Oregon State Fire Marshal's (OSFM) Red Team. Aggressive firefighting efforts under challenging situations have minimized impacts to residents and resources.

There is a Level 3 mandatory evacuation in effect for three residences in the Dry Hollow area south of the West Hills Fire, with a Level 1 pre-evacuation notice in effect for the Sidwalter, County Line Road, and Seekseequa neighborhoods. No homes have been lost and three outbuildings have been burned as a result of fires within the complex.

On September 1, 2011 Segment 1 of the Lower Deschutes River is re-opened to all public use including camping, day use, launching and rafting. Segment 1 extends from the Warm Springs launch site at River Mile (RM) 97.5 north to Harpham Flat (RM 56).

The Blue Mountain IMT is now managing the Powerline, Trout Lake, Badger Butte and Lemiti Meadow Fires, while ORCA is managing the Razorback, and West Hills Fires.

The Razorback Fire is estimated at 51,015 acres with yesterday's efforts focused on securing the fireline east of the Deschutes River and establishing containment lines in extremely

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rugged terrain west of the river.

The West Hills Fire is located southwest of the community of Warm Springs and is estimated to be 15,412 acres. Yesterday firefighters utilized 20 loads of fire retardant to slow the progress of the southern flank of this fire and have established a containment line around the most active area of this fire.

The Seekseequa Fire, located north of the Metolius arm of Lake Billy Chinook is estimated to be 7,163 acres and is in patrol status.

The Powerline Fire is located approximately 12 miles northwest of the community of Warm Springs and is estimated to be 15,728 acres. The fire again tested but did not compromise containment lines yesterday afternoon as winds increased fire behavior. The fire is estimated to be 25% contained.

The Trout Lake Fire is estimated to be 627 acres and is expected have containment lines established around the entire perimeter by the end of today.

The Badger Butte Fire, estimated to be 466 acres is 30% contained.

The 25 acre Lemiti Fire is lined and firefighters have begun mopping this fire up.

OSFM task forces continue to mop up 300-500 feet from structures threatened by the fires and are also supporting the wildland firefighters by patrolling and supplying water and are available if additional residences are threatened.

River access information will continue to be posted on the boater pass website (www.boaterpass.com) and on the High Cascades Complex Fire information website (www.inciweb.org/2546) and will inform river users of any additional changes.

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