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Start date: Aug. 16, 2020	Containment: 34%	facebook.com/LionsheadFire
Fire size: 204,355 acres	Public information: 971-277-5075	https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7049/

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Lionshead Fire Update

Tuesday, Sept. 29

REDMOND, Ore. - Although the containment percentage has not changed for several days, crews are working hard at mop-up, cold trailing and connecting segments of contained line around the southwest, west and northwest perimeter.

“We got a lot of good work done today and we’re seeing great progress,” John Spencer, operations chief trainee, reported Monday. “We should be moving a lot of area to patrol status in the next two or three days.”

Mop-up is extinguishing or removing burning material along or near a control line, felling snags, or moving logs so they won't roll downhill. Cold trailing is when firefighters feel the edge of a burning area with the hand and dig out or trench around burning spots.

Burned Area Emergency Response assessments will continue on the reservation today. This will guide planning for post-fire soil stabilization and other work to mitigate degradation of the landscape and damages to cultural resources.

Today, a roads group will begin removing hazard trees along the 46 corridor between Detroit and Breitenbush. Fire managers are still developing a hazard removal strategy for Hwy. 22 to ensure safe public access. On the southwest corner, crews are reinforcing line and linking segments of containment line in the Cooper’s Ridge area.

Aviation was able to provide full support Monday, including water drops, Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) and Resource Advisor (READ) reconnaissance, as well as coordinating with other aviation needs, including Civil Air Patrol flights for FEMA assessments.

Coordinating continues with fire managers on the Riverside Fire to establish contingency lines to the north and along the power line corridor. Crews are chipping around the “finger” on the west/northwest side of the fire as well as along the eastern and southeastern flanks.

Weather & Fuel Conditions: Temperatures will rise into the high 70s and low 80s at elevations below 5,000 feet today, which will begin drying out fuels that received less moisture during the recent rains. A shift in wind direction should push any active fire upslope and toward the interior.

Safety: Oregon is experiencing an increase in cases of COVID-19. Emergency responders can protect themselves and others by socially distancing, wearing masks, washing hands and using hand sanitizer.

Closures and Evacuations: Evacuation levels around Detroit, Idanha, and the Elkhorn community along North Fork Road are at Level 2 - “Be Set.” Due to the remaining hazards in the cities of Detroit and Idanha, plus lack of basic services, non-residents should avoid travel to this area. Marion County Sheriff’s Office continues to coordinate with other law enforcement agencies to maintain an enhanced presence in the Detroit and Idanha areas as residents return to the area. There are no longer any evacuation notices for the Sidwalter/Miller Flats area in Jefferson County.