



Brian Gales, Incident Commander

Public information: 971-277-5075		
Fire size: 204,469 acres	facebook.com/LionsheadFire	2020.Lionshead@firenet.gov
Personnel assigned: 399		https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7049/

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Lionshead Fire Update

Wednesday, Oct. 14

REDMOND, Ore. – Rain continued to fall on the fire area reducing activity and smoke in Central Oregon. Much of the region received an inch of precipitation over the past day, with the east side of the fire receiving a half an inch of rain. The precipitation, along with cooler temperatures, has allowed fire crews an opportunity to address hazard trees and debris flows around the fire perimeter.

Suppression repair work has continued to return the area back to a pre-suppression state. Fire personnel have been careful to mitigate hand and dozer lines without causing additional damage by driving on dirt or muddy roads. The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs supervise the suppression repair activities on Tribal land to ensure the preservation of cultural and natural resources.

On Wednesday, firefighters plan to continue chipping and suppression repair activities while patrolling and monitoring the perimeter of the fire for hot spots. Crews do not expect the fire activity to increase but will be available in case hot spots flare up around the perimeter of the fire.

Northwest Incident Management Team 13 is working with cooperating agencies to prepare the transition of fire management back to the local units in the coming days. “We’re going to be remembered for how we finish,” said Incident Commander Brian Gales. Fire crews plan to finish suppression repair to the established standards, reducing the amount of damage to the land.

Weather: Cold and wet weather will continue through Wednesday afternoon, with the west side of the fire expecting about half an inch of rain. Precipitation will taper off Wednesday evening, bringing a stretch of warmer and drier weather. Fire officials do not expect fire activity to increase despite the warmer and drier weather. Cooler and drier weather is expected over the weekend, with highs around 60.

Safety: Unpaved roads are muddy, particularly on the west side of the Cascade Crest. Avoid driving or parking on unpaved roads to in order to not get stuck in the muddy conditions. Rock falls and falling trees create potential hazards around the fire footprint. Use caution when traveling on newly opened roads, as unmarked hazards may exist.