



## Northern Rockies

### Complex Interagency Management Team 2

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## Whisky Creek Fire Daily Update

August 5, 2024

**Size:** 1,174 acres

**Cause:** Human – Under Investigation

**Containment:** 0%

**Start Date:** July 20, 2024

**Location:** 6 miles SE of Cascade Locks, OR

**Fuels:** Scrub oak, timber, and grass

### **Highlights:**

Fire activity increased yesterday as the relative humidity dropped and dead fuels continue to dry out and become more available for ignition. Smoke was visible from the local communities, who will continue to see an increase in smoke production, despite early morning rain, as drier and warmer temperatures continue over the region. Fire is active and established in steep terrain. If conditions are favorable firing operations may be conducted to reduce fuels which will also increase visible smoke.

### **Operations:**

Helicopters conducted water drops on the western edge of the fire where it is slowly backing downslope into the Herman Creek watershed below Woolly Horn Ridge. As necessary, firefighting aircraft will be used as conditions allow for a safe mission. Construction of primary indirect line and strengthening of secondary line continues.

### **Fire Behavior and Weather:**

Warm and dry weather is expected to continue into next week. Early morning rains fell over the fire area but will have minimal effect. Fire behavior over the past week has been moderate, with creeping and smoldering behavior, but is expected to increase in the afternoon with slight to moderate spread and increased smoke production as warm and dry conditions persists.

### **Road and Trail Closures:**

The Mt. Hood National Forest and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area closure information can be found at: [Whisky Creek Fire Closures in Mark O. Hatfield Wilderness](#). Hood River County has closure information that can be found on their [website](#).

### **Total Fire Resources Assigned:**

- Approx. 456 personnel, 13 hand crews, 2 engines, 4 water tenders, 3 dozers, 5 masticators, 2 skidders and 2 helicopters.

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