



Hay Creek Complex Daily Update July 29, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.



Little Buck Fire: 36,025 acres, 50% contained | **Cottonwood Fire:** 15,659 acres, 100% contained

Porcupine Ridge Fire: 79,225 acres, 100% contained

Hoag Fire: 50,224 acres, 100% contained | **Hopkin Fire:** 11,366 acres, 100% contained

Total Resources: 650 | Hand Crews: 19 | Engines: 37 | Dozers: 11

There will be a community meeting this evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Condon Veteran's Memorial Hall. The meeting will also be live streamed on the Hay Creek Complex Facebook Page. A drop-in Q & A will be held Thursday, July 30, at 2 p.m. at the Shaniko Hotel. This will be in-person only.

CONDON, Ore. – Gusty winds Tuesday afternoon stirred up embers on the Little Buck and Cottonwood fires, but the firefighters held the fire to its current footprint. Smoke was visible in the interiors of the fires where pockets of fuel continued to consume. Control lines on the Little Buck Fire held despite several days of windy conditions; Wasco County has reduced several evacuation levels, including for the communities of Antelope and Shaniko.

Yesterday on the Little Buck Fire, fire personnel extinguished more heat along the lines constructed to stop the fire's July 25 run. In some areas with more vegetation, line construction with dozers and other heavy equipment created piles of juniper, sage and other woody debris. Fire burned under these piles, requiring skidgines, engines and hand crews to coordinate pulling apart the piles to extinguish buried heat. Firefighters searched for heat around structures on the Little Buck and Cottonwood fires and checked for signs of residual heat on the Hoag, Hopkin, and Porcupine Ridge fires. Windy conditions caused some smoldering embers to produce visible smoke, making them easier to locate and extinguish. The weather forecast for today and the next several days will be similarly windy and dry, and fire personnel will be watching for renewed fire activity.

Today, firefighters continue to locate and cool buried heat near the edges of the Little Buck Fire. Resources are monitoring the other fires in the complex, watching for smoke, checking around structures and extinguishing any heat they find. Fire personnel are also prepared to respond to any new fires in the vicinity. As crews make progress on the Hay Creek Complex, surplus resources are being released and made available to assist with numerous other fires burning throughout the region.

Weather: A warming and drying trend will affect the fire over the next few days. Highs around 90 are expected today with afternoon relative humidity around 25 percent. Winds will gust from the northwest up to 22 mph.

Evacuations: Level 1 and 2 evacuations are in place and can change quickly. For the most current evacuation information, visit the Gilliam, Wasco, Wheeler and Sherman County interactive evacuation map: <https://arcg.is/1eXyLP4> Sign up to receive evacuation alerts at oralert.gov/.

Closures: With rapidly changing conditions, roads may be closed at any time. Check tripcheck.com/ for the most current information. The Bureau of Land Management – Prineville District has fire restrictions and temporary closures in effect; these can be viewed at blm.gov/programs/fire/regional-info/oregon-washington/fire-restrictions.

Safety: Firefighters are working along Oregon Route 218. Slow down and use caution when traveling through these areas.

Smoke: Wildfire smoke can abruptly change air quality; know your risk and plan ahead. Smoke forecasts and current conditions are available at wildlandfiresmoke.net/.

A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is in place over the Little Buck Fire for the safety of firefighters and aircraft. This restriction includes the use of drones. If you fly, we can't.

For further information about the Hay Creek Complex, see the following resources:

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