



Rowe Creek Complex Fire Update

Saturday, July 25, 2026

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InciWeb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/orprd-rowe-creek-complex>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/rowecreekcomplex>

Size: 199,047 acres

Containment: 31%

Location: Fossil, Oregon

Resources Assigned: Crews: 33 | Dozers: 10 | Engines: 70 | Skidgine: 7 | Personnel: 1144 | Aerial Resources: 1

Incident Start Date: July 15, 2026

Cause: Lightning

Fuels: Grass, juniper, timber

A Red flag warning remains in effect until 10 p.m. tonight.

Crosswhite East: 181,443 acres | **Containment:** 20%

Yesterday: The fire did not see significant fire growth yesterday despite the red flag warning. Reported acreage increase is due to a gap in overnight infrared flights and more accurate mapping. Firefighters continued to make steady progress strengthening containment lines across northern portions of the fire. Crews expanded mop-up operations to extinguish remaining hot spots and patrolled completed fireline in and around structures. On the southern edge firefighters worked to construct primary line along Highway 26 to stop forward progression and air resources dropped buckets on areas of intense heat. Structural protection was ongoing with crews from OSFM prepping homes and structures along Cougar Mountain Area. Crews worked on Highway 207 to reinforce the contingency line farther south down to Girds Creek.

Today: Critical fire weather is expected to produce increased fire activity across the fire. On the northern portion of the fire, crews continue to patrol the fire's edge and push mop up deeper into the interior. Crews will work on connecting completed line at the top of the fire and cold trail deeper into the burned area. Along the southern edge, OSFM crews will focus on keeping the fire north of Highway 26 and provide structure protection. Work will continue along Highway 207 to reinforce the contingency line to Girds Creek. Crews along the southern portion will prep Highway 26 for burn operations in coordination with Crosswhite West if conditions allow to build containment along the southern border of the fire.

Camel Hump Fire: 6,614 acres | **Containment:** 37%

Yesterday: Crews continued mop-up operations and increased depth along the fire's edge to strengthen containment. Fire resources supported initial attack on three nearby lightning-caused fires west of the fire.

Today: Firefighters will continue mop-up and strengthen containment by increasing depth along the fire's edge while patrolling for remaining hot spots. Crews remain available to support initial attack on any new fire starts, as requested.

Incident 594: 298 acres | **Containment:** 0%

Yesterday: Firefighters worked in challenging terrain to establish a primary line around the fire that held during the night. The eastern edge had minimal heat with no new growth, and the west edge saw increased fire activity.

Today: With the red flag warning, crews will focus on reinforcing the west flank of the fire edge. Firefighters will continue to strengthen and gain depth on the firelines that are now holding.

Evacuations: Residents in Wheeler and Wasco counties should stay aware of current evacuation levels. The Sheriff's Office has Level 1, 2, and 3 notices in place for communities near the active fires. Wheeler County residents can sign up for alerts at <https://oralert.gov/>. Wasco County residents can access updates through the Perimeter Maps dashboard: <https://perimetermap.com/wascocounty-or/>.

Closures: BLM has closed all BLM-managed land along both sides of the John Day River from Service Creek to the Columbia River. Additional closures may be implemented in Crook County due to nearby wildfires. Closure details: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/fire/regional-info/oregon-washington/fire-restrictions/>. The National Park Service has closed the Clarno and Painted Hills units of the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument. More information: <https://www.nps.gov/joda/planyourvisit/conditions.htm>.

Flight Restrictions: A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is in place for the fire area. Unauthorized drone (UAS) flights pose serious risks to firefighters. Aerial firefighting is suspended when unauthorized UAS are in the area. For TFR information visit: https://tfr.faa.gov/tfr3/?page=detail_6_4970.

Weather: A Red Flag Warning is in effect until 10 p.m. tonight. Conditions will be similar to yesterday with high temperatures, low relative humidity and northwest winds with gusts up to 25 mph. Forecasted weather is predicted to cause increased fire behavior, especially on the eastern and southern areas of the fire. Temperatures will be lower starting tomorrow and through the week, with colder temperatures at night. Winds will continue to come from the west and northwest with reducing wind speeds continuing through the week.

