



Wednesday, August 12, 2026

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GRASSHOPPER FIRE INFO (541) 982-5802

Acres: 83,642

Percent Containment: 20%

Personnel: 1,832

Yesterday: The Grasshopper Fire remained extremely active along the northeastern and eastern perimeter, where gusty winds contributed to active fire behavior and continued fire growth as firefighters worked around the clock to establish control lines ahead of the fire. The northeastern corner has advanced to Hix Road, while the eastern edge has reached the area of Elliott Road. Aerial resources have been vital in this area, using retardant and water to support firefighters on the ground and slow the fire's advance. Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM) structural crews remained engaged in protecting homes and structures directly threatened by the fire, working in coordination with wildland resources to reduce the threat. Two additional OSFM task forces and a strike team of large structural engines from California arrived last night to bolster structural protection.

On the northern perimeter, the fire held along Forest Road 4421 as firefighters improved contingency lines along Dufur Mill Road. Along Highway 35, felling operations helped mitigate significant overhead hazards, while crews continued mop-up along the western perimeter. On the southern edge and southwest corner, fire activity moderated, and lines continued to hold.

Today: Effective this morning, the Southern Area Blue Incident Management Team is in unified command alongside the Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM) Blue Incident Management Team, strengthening coordination as firefighters work to protect communities and keep the fire within the smallest footprint possible. Australia/New Zealand Incident Management Team 1 (AUS/NZ IMT 1) is also embedded with the teams, increasing operational capacity.

Firefighters will continue building on progress made yesterday, tying together portions of control line ahead of expected increased winds this afternoon and increasingly unstable atmospheric conditions this weekend. Crews will reinforce and strengthen existing lines, with a primary focus on the highly active eastern portion of the fire.

Structural resources remain positioned throughout areas with homes and structures. Crews are also mopping up by extinguishing hot spots and residual heat near structures and along fire lines to reduce the potential for rekindle. The fire continues to be driven by wind and terrain, moving rapidly through dry fuels that are highly receptive to ignition.

Air operations will continue to be an integral part of suppression efforts today. Aircraft will be used where conditions allow to support firefighters on the ground, applying retardant and water to slow fire spread, strengthen suppression efforts, and provide firefighters additional opportunities to establish and reinforce control lines.

A community meeting is planned for Thursday, Aug. 13th, with the time and location to be announced once finalized.

Weather and Smoke: Late afternoon gusty, northwest winds continue to be forecast with little change in the weather in temperature and higher humidity for the next two days. Smoke may remain visible in communities east and southeast of the fire as winds continue to move smoke away from the fire area. A smoke outlook is available at <https://outlooks.airfire.org/outlook/50aab846>

Air quality: <https://fire.airnow.gov/>

Evacuations: Hood River, Wasco, and Clackamas Counties have evacuation notices varying from Level 1 (Be Ready), Level 2 (Be Set), and Level 3 (Go Status). Check your location: <https://perimetermap.com/wascocounty-or>. Clackamas County: <https://www.clackamas.us/clackcoalerts>.

Evacuation shelter: The Dalles Middle School, at 1100 East 12th St., The Dalles, OR 97058.

Closures: There is a closure on Mt. Hood National Forest: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r06/mthood/alerts/closure-place-grasshopper-fire>. A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is in place for the fire area. Aerial firefighting is suspended when unauthorized UAS are in the area.

Travel: Keep up to date on road closures at <https://tripcheck.com/>

Fire Restrictions: There is a campfire ban in place on Mt. Hood National Forest: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r06/mthood/alerts/fire-restrictions-effect-july-1>

There are also burning and fire restrictions across the area. Check your local restrictions: <https://www.oregon.gov/odf/fire/pages/restrictions.aspx>