



Thursday, August 13, 2026

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GRASSHOPPER FIRE INFO (541) 982-5802

Acres: 85,114

Percent Containment: 20%

Personnel: 1,771

A community meeting will be held tonight at **6 p.m. at Dufur School**, located at **802 NE 5th St., Dufur, OR 97021**.

The meeting will also be livestreamed on the Grasshopper Fire Facebook page: www.facebook.com/GrasshopperFire. Information officers will monitor questions submitted online and work to provide answers within 24 hours.

Yesterday: Cooler temperatures and increased humidity helped moderate fire activity across portions of the fire yesterday, and control lines continued to hold along the southeast and southern edges. Gusty winds continued to drive active fire behavior along the northeast and eastern edges, where firefighters, aircraft, and heavy equipment remained engaged throughout the day to slow fire growth and strengthen containment.

Along the northeast edge, aircraft were a critical component of suppression efforts, supporting ground firefighters and slowing fire growth as crews worked to tie control lines together. Near Rail Hollow, crews completed handline and conducted strategic firing operations overnight to address unburned pockets of fuel and reduce the potential for continued fire spread. These operations were conducted cautiously and methodically, with additional resources following closely behind to mop up, secure the area, address remaining heat, and ensure structure protection.

Along the eastern edge, structural resources continued mopping up and securing areas around structures along Friend Road and in the Elliott Road area. In the Camp Baldwin area, installed handline has been plumbed with hoseline. Swing shift resources expanded tactical patrols into Shadybrook and continued developing structural protection plans ahead of the fire area as a precaution should conditions change.

Crews also continued strengthening line along the fire's southern and southwestern edges, working to tie line into existing trail systems. On the southwest corner, firefighters continued constructing contingency line and working to tie into existing trail systems while identifying opportunities to directly engage the fire. Heavy equipment assisted with line construction and improved access for firefighters.

On the west side, extensive falling operations to address hazard trees, combined with continued mop-up, allowed Highway 35 to reopen. Motorists are asked to slow down and use caution, as firefighters and heavy equipment may continue working near the roadway.

Initial damage assessments have identified 6 primary residences and 15 outbuildings that were lost during periods of high fire activity and rapid fire growth earlier this week. Structural assessments will continue as conditions allow, as fire suppression, firefighter safety, emergency access, and the protection of lives and property remain the priority. Additional information will be shared as it is verified and appropriate for release.

Today: Crews will continue strengthening control lines on the east side of the fire, including installing dozer line in the Elliott Road area and tying together existing portions of handline. Work will continue to secure areas where tactical firing occurred near Rail Hollow and address any remaining heat or unburned fuels. Aircraft will remain available to support ground operations, particularly in areas where terrain or fire behavior limits access, while heavy equipment will continue improving and reinforcing control lines and providing access for firefighters.

Structural resources will expand mop-up operations around structures today, working up to 100 feet from homes impacted by the fire to identify and eliminate hot spots and reduce the potential for rekindling. Tactical patrols will continue around structures from Fifteen Mile Road to Shadybrook. Additional structural crews will remain in Camp Baldwin, Sportsman's Paradise, and the Friend Road area, continuing mop-up and structure protection operations.

Weather and Smoke:

The fire area is expected to experience a shift in weather today, with winds transitioning to the east and northeast. Temperatures are expected to rise while humidity decreases, accompanied by increased atmospheric instability. An isolated thunderstorm threat is possible near the Cascade Crest along the western edge of the fire. There is also an increased potential for afternoon column development, which could generate gusty and erratic winds. Firefighters will closely monitor changing conditions and adjust tactics as needed.

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 evacuations for Wasco and Hood River Counties at: <https://perimetermap.com/>. Check Clackamas County at: <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>