

**CENTRAL OREGON
INCIDENT MANAGEMENT
TEAM**

Incident Commander:

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Sharps Ridge Fire
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Sharps Ridge Fire Update

FIRE LOCATION: The Sharps Ridge Fire is located 27 miles southeast of Ukiah, OR in the Jumpoff Joe Roadless Area and the Vinegar Hill Indian Rock Scenic Area. The fire is burning in dense conifer stands on the Umatilla and Malheur National Forests in Grant County.

TOTAL ACRES	FIRE CAUSE	CONTAINMENT	TOTAL PERSONNEL
5,500	Lightning on 8/16	50%	542

FIRE CAMP LOCATION: The Incident Base Camp (ICP) is located at Meadow Brook, six miles southwest of Dale. An ambulance is staged at ICP to shorten response time for medical emergencies.

RESOURCES ASSIGNED:

Crews	Helicopters	Engines	Dozers	Water Tenders	Overhead	Camp Crews
16	3	18	7	18	127	2

FIRE SITUATION:

Firefighters excelled at keeping the fire within containment lines yesterday, despite the change in weather and associated active fire behavior on the north and northeast flanks. The helicopters assisted ground crews by providing water bucket drops on the hot spots.

Crews are contending with a considerable amount of heat contained within the fire's perimeter as a result of previous burnout operations and the increase in fire behavior from yesterday. The cold front passage will bring a change in wind direction and may test the fire line on the north and southwest flanks. Firefighters are focusing on aggressive mop-up and snag removal. Helicopters will continue to assist with water bucket drops and air attack. A scheduled infrared flight will provide heat detection information. Crews are prepared to respond to any new starts within a 7-mile radius of the Sharp Ridge Fire's origin.

A rehabilitation plan has been developed and includes the rehabilitation of all interior and contingency lines, the replacement of water bars, moving vegetation back to a natural orientation, restoring previous road closures, repairing damaged fence and rehabilitating heli-spots, staging areas and water sources.

WEATHER:

A cold front is approaching the fire area today. Increasing instability and moisture will result in scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms, mainly in the afternoon. Showers will be likely tonight with a few wet thunderstorms possible. Winds will shift from W-SW to NW late in the afternoon as the cold front moves in. Today's high temps 75-78, minimum RH 20-22% and ridgetop winds W to SW 5-10 mph with gusts to 15. Chance of rain 30% today and 60% tonight. Tonight's temps 38-42 with RH recoveries near 90%. Outlook for next shift is mostly cloudy with scattered showers. Low clouds and fog possible during the morning hours. Winds NW 3-6 mph with gusts to 10 mph. Highs 55-58 and minimum RH 30-35%. Thursday through Saturday mostly sunny and warmer with highs in the mid 60s on Thursday, in the mid 70s on Friday and in the high 70s on Saturday.