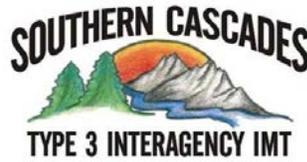




Willamette National Forest



Neil Miller
Hans Schmidt (trainee)
Incident Commander
Type 3 Interagency IMT

Fire Update –08/04/2016 12:00 p.m. PT

Closure Order: The McKenzie River Trail between Trail Bridge Campground and Carmen Reservoir is closed and there is no access to the Blue Pool area. Additional law enforcement officers are patrolling the fire area to ensure public and firefighter safety. <http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/willamette/alerts-notice>.

UPDATE

Firefighters reinforced the fire line along the southern flank of the fire yesterday. Keeping Hwy 126 open is a high priority since Hwy 20 is closed for bridge repair. Please drive slowly and use caution when travelling near the fire area. Oregon State Police have increased patrols to help ensure public safety.

Mop up operations will continue today. Ongoing priorities include keeping the fire west of the 740 road and east of the McKenzie River Trail. Smoke continues to be limited to the immediate fire area due to low winds.

Protection of water quality in the McKenzie River is a priority. Measures are being taken to prevent contamination and protect sensitive fish species. Withdrawals from streams and reservoirs are being monitored to protect aquatic resources.

Incident Commander, Neil Miller said, “On behalf of the Incident Management Team, I’d like to thank everyone for their hard work, and encourage everyone to be especially careful due to the snags, falling trees, and rocky terrain in the fire area.” Trees have been burning for an extended period and have become weakened. The rough and steep terrain poses high risks and safety is a top priority for firefighters.

These weakened and dangerous trees, in addition to the fire proximity, are the reasons for the continued closure of the one section of the McKenzie River Trail. The sections of the trail west of the Trail Bridge trailhead and east of Carmen Reservoir are open, as are other recreation sites in the forest such as Clear Lake, Blue River and Cougar Reservoir, Sahalie and Koosah Falls, King Castle Trail, O’Leary Trail, and Olallie Trail. Local businesses along the McKenzie River remain open and in full service. For additional information regarding hiking, swimming, and touring call the McKenzie River Ranger Station at 541-822-3381, M-F 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

Quick Facts Blue Top Fire Summary	
Location:	12 miles Northeast of McKenzie Bridge
Approximate Size:	30 acres
Fire Containment:	40%
Start Date:	July 27, 2016
Cause:	Under Investigation
Incident Commander:	Neil Miller, Hans Schmidt (t), Type 3 Team
Resources on the Fire:	(2) Type 2 Handcrews (2) Type 1 Handcrew 2 Engines 1 Dozer 3 Water tenders Type 3 Helicopter
Total Personnel:	143
Jurisdiction:	USFS



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