



Malheur National Forest
Blue Mountain Ranger District

Oregon Interagency
Incident Management
Team 2



West Fork Fire Update

Saturday, July 11, 2015, 9:00 a.m.
Fire Information: (541) 987-2348

JOHN DAY, OR – Minimal fire spread occurred on the West Fork Fire again yesterday. The cloudy conditions and scattered showers held the fire in place. Fires are now completed on the north and west flanks up to Forest Road 2150. On the eastern flank firefighters continue to construct the indirect hand and dozer containment line as near to the fires perimeter as safely possible.

The West Fork Fire is located on the north slope of the Aldrich Mountain range within the old fire scar from the 2006 Thorn Fire, 10 miles southeast of Dayville, Oregon. Some of the values at risk near the West Fork Fire include state and private land to the north, important fisheries habitat, a highly valued stand of old-growth trees west of the fire, and the Aldrich Mountain Lookout.

Scattered to widespread showers and thunderstorms are expected again this afternoon and evening. Thunderstorms could produce cloud-to-ground lightning, gusty winds, and heavy rain. Temperatures should remain mild and effectively limit active fire behavior.

Mop up will continue on the north and west portions of the fire. On the east flank firefighters will continue to build indirect fire line to tie in with Forest Road 2150. A feller buncher is being used to assist building the fire line on the east flank. Feller-bunchers are designed to quickly cut trees and place them into bunches. This is making for a more efficient and safe operation.

West Fork Fire information can be found on Inciweb at:
<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4371/>.

For more information on the Malheur National Forest, please visit us at www.fs.usda.gov/malheur or contact 541-575-3000.

Road Closure:

Closure - To reduce traffic in the area and ensure firefighter and public safety a temporary road closure is in effect on Forest Road 2150, from the intersection of Forest Road 2150-070 to the Aldrich Mountain Lookout. The official Road Closure Order and map can be found at: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4371/>

Quick Facts Incident Summary	
Approximate Size:	764 acres
Fire Containment:	15%
Incident Commander:	Brett Fillis
Resources on the Fire:	Hand Crews: 7 Helicopters: 2 Engines: 2 Dozers: 1 Water Tenders: 1
Total Personnel:	185
Jurisdiction:	USDA-Forest Service Malheur National Forest Blue Mountain Ranger District
Social Media:	Facebook U.S. Forest Service-Malheur National Forest Twitter @MalheurNF Inciweb inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4371/