



Malheur National Forest
Blue Mountain Ranger District

Oregon Interagency
Incident Management
Team 2



West Fork Fire Update

Monday, July 13, 2015, 9:00 a.m.
Fire Information: (541) 987-2348

The management of the West Fork Fire was transferred back to the Malheur National Forest at 6 a.m. today.

Portions of the fire area received at least a ½ inch of rain yesterday and, as a result, minimal fire activity occurred. The wet conditions have delayed the repair work on the contingency lines. As conditions allowed, fire crews continued to mop up along the fire lines and patrolled the area.

The West Fork Fire is located on the north slope of the Aldrich Mountain range within the old fire scar from the 2006 Shake Table Complex (Thorn Fire), 10 miles southeast of Dayville, Oregon.

Today is expected to be partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Temperatures are expected to be 70 – 75 degrees with relative humidity between 35 – 45%. There is a warming trend expected through the end of the week. Today’s fire behavior should again be very limited due to moist and cool conditions.

The wet conditions on the fire today may again delay the repair work on the contingency lines. Firefighters will continue to patrol and monitor the fire.

At present the fire poses no immediate threat but as seasonal weather returns and unburned fuels between the fire and the containment lines dry the fire will need to be monitored closely.

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:	770 acres
Fire Containment:	15%
Incident Commander:	Brett Fillis
Resources on the Fire:	Hand Crews: 5 Helicopters: 1 Engines: 2 Dozers: 1 Water Tenders: 2
Total Personnel:	137
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/