



# View Lake Fire Complex

## Fire Information Update

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**Thursday, September 2, 2010 – 8:30 am PDT Update**

Fire	Acres	% Contained	Total Cost	Total Personnel
View Lake Fire	102	90%		
Pyramid/Mt. Jefferson Fires	1,759	70%		
Bull of the Woods	2,614	0%		
<b>View Fire Complex Total</b>	<b>4,478</b>		<b>\$6,502,000</b>	<b>719</b>

### News & Events for the View Lake Fire Complex:

- Recreation traffic is rapidly increasing for the holiday weekend; motorists are advised to slow down and proceed with caution due to the amount of heavy equipment in the area
- A temporary road closure is in place along the 4685 Road above the south fork Breitenbush Trailhead due to heavy equipment working in the area; the temporary closure will be in place through Friday
- Archery season for elk, deer, bear and cougar has begun; expect hunter camps and additional traffic in the fire area. Hunters are advised to check current closure information
- Masticators are being utilized for brush removal on segments of the 6370, 6340, 63, and 4696 roads; temporary road closures will be in place while the equipment is in operation. The work will take several weeks to complete.

### VIEW LAKE FIRE COMPLEX STATUS:

Today, firefighters are starting on a contingency line in the Breitenbush drainage south over Breitenbush ridge and south of the Breitenbush river. Control lines are being constructed where needed on the north/east flank of the Pyramid Butte Fire, mop up efforts are continuing on the View Lake Fire east of the 4220 Road and on the 100-acre spot near Rock Cone. Rapellers and helitack crews are assisting with the preparation of sling loads to backhaul excess equipment. A variety of resources are continuing to focus efforts on prepping the 6370 and 4696 Roads on the south side of the Bull of the Woods wilderness.

### Scenic Area, Wilderness Area & Trail and Road Closures:

#### Olallie Lake Scenic Area:

- **OPEN:** The Olallie Lake Resort and the waters of Olallie Lake, the Paul Dennis Campground, northern most boat ramp, Olallie Lake Picnic Area, historic guard station, Camp Ten Campground, Triangle Lake Campground, Lower Lake Campground and dispersed camping sites in a 200' strip west of the 4220 Road between Olallie Lake Picnic Area & Campground.
- **CLOSED:** All trails within the Olallie Lake Scenic Area remain closed, FR 4220 from FR 46 to Breitenbush Lake Campground is closed and the Breitenbush Lake Campground is closed.
- A portion of the Mt Jefferson Wilderness is closed and associated portion of the PCT

### Scenic Area, Wilderness Area & Trail and Road Closures:

- Area closure (August 29, 2010) for the Bull of the Woods Wilderness, including portions of the Elk Creek, Mother Lode and Dickey Creek Trails and extending eastward. The area description is defined by Forest Road (FR) 63 between 6340 and 6350 junction and FR 6350 on the east from Collawash Mountain along the forest boundary to 6370, 4696-850, 4696 and 4697 on the south, trail #544 on the west and FR 6340 and FR 6341 on the north. All trails and roads inside the fire closure boundary are closed. **The Trail #544 between Bagby Hot Springs and Elk Lake remains open. Bagby Hot Springs and the Pegleg Falls Recreation Area is open. The Elk Lake Campground, which leads to Battle Ax Creek Trail (#3399) and Beachie Saddle Trail (#3341) remain open. The following fire closure boundary roads are open: FR 4696, FR 6350, FR 63 to the FR 6350 junction, and FR 6341.**
- Forest Road 4220 is closed at its junction with Forest Road 46 at the south end and Forest Road 4690 at the north end.
- Forest Road 4631 to Lake Harriet is closed; for access to Lake Harriet and the campground, travel east of Rd. 57 towards Timothy Lake, then take an immediate left after crossing the Oak Grove Fork bridge, and head approximately one mile west on Rd. 4630 to get to Lake Harriet.
- Forest Roads 46 and 57 remain open

**Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) Hiker Shuttle System:** The PCT is currently closed on the south at Jefferson Park north through the Olallie Lake Scenic Area. The Mt Hood and Willamette National Forests have arranged to shuttle hikers on an intermittent basis between the south fork Breitenbush Trail (via trail #3375 located west of Russell Lake in Jefferson Park) and the Triangle Lake Equestrian Campground. Hikers are being shuttled, as needed, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

### FIRE FACTS:

**View Lake Fire Complex: Started:** August 17, 2010; **Cause:** Lightning; **Location:** 45 miles east of Estacada in Marion and Clackamas Counties; **Resources:** 18 hand crews, 7 helicopters, 10 engines, 5 water tenders, 1 dozer, 5 masticators, 719 total personnel.

**SAFETY CONCERNS:** Slippery footing and driving conditions, steep, rocky terrain with numerous standing dead trees (snags) and rolling material, unburned interior fuels.

**RESOURCE CONCERNS:** Fires near high use recreation areas; protection of wilderness values and cultural resources through the use of Minimum Impact Suppression Techniques (MIST), utilizing existing trails and natural barriers as control lines where possible.

**VALUES AT RISK:** Olallie Lake Resort, Forest Service Campgrounds, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs reservation lands, the historic Bull of the Woods Lookout tower.

**WEATHER:** Today, rapid warming and drying will occur over the fire complex. Breezy east winds will strengthen through midday, further lowering relative humidities. The View Lake and Pyramid Butte fires will be most exposed to the winds while all but the highest peaks in the Bull of the Woods wilderness remain sheltered. Humidities will remain lower overnight and westerly winds will increase Friday evening and Saturday. Today will be sunny and windy with highs ranging from the upper 70s to the upper 80s over the fire area and minimum relative humidity 19 to 22%. On the ridges, east winds up to 15 to 20 mph are expected and over the View Lake and Pyramid Butte Fires, east to southeast winds are expected anywhere from 8-15 mph. Weather will be clear and breezy tonight with lows in the 60s, relative humidity primarily 30-35%. A predicted warm and dry Friday could significantly increase fire behavior.

**TODAY'S EXPECTED FIRE BEHAVIOR:** Fire behavior will increase today as fuels dry under easterly winds, higher temperatures and lower humidities. Smoldering fuels will lead to creeping fire behavior with some isolated single tree torching. Heavier fuel concentrations and areas sheltered from the recent precipitation will be the primary carriers of fire with modest spread. As fuels continue to dry out through the day, some single tree torching and spotting is expected. Poor humidity recoveries will lengthen the burn period, with some fire activity expected in the evening hours.

**COOPERATING AGENCIES & PARTNERS:** Mt Hood National Forest, Willamette National Forest, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Clackamas and Marion Counties.