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<b>Start date: July 12, 2021</b>	<b>Location: Linn County, 7 miles south of Detroit on the Sweet Home Ranger District</b>	<b>Cause: Under investigation</b>
<b>Fire size: 90 acres</b>	<b>Air Assets Assigned: 1</b>	<b>Total personnel: 47</b>

### Bruler Fire Update for Wednesday, July 14, 2021

**Sweet Home, Ore.** – Yesterday, firefighters took advantage of mild weather to make significant progress on the Bruler fire. A Type 2 helicopter continued dropping water to cool the interior while ground crews attacked the fire directly, digging handline for containment. Lines were further strengthened by two dozers, working to keep the fire within a small footprint. The fire is estimated to be 90 acres.

An additional 20 person hand crew and engines have arrived on the fire line. Northwest Incident Management Team 13, a Type 2 team, assumed command of the fire this morning. The fire is not currently threatening any communities or structures and there are no evacuation orders in place. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

“We’re grateful for everyone who answered the call for the Bruler Fire,” said Sweet Home District Ranger and Agency Administrator Nikki Swanson. “I want to especially thank our partners and cooperators who have provided resources and support. You’re helping to keep our communities safe and to keep this fire as small as possible.”

**WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR:** Today, the weather will continue to be favorable including temperatures in the 70s and high relative humidity overnight. While the fire does still have potential to spread, fire behavior is expected to be moderate for the next few days allowing firefighters opportunities to make additional progress.

**SMOKE:** Air quality in the and around the communities of Detroit and Sweet Home continues to be listed as “good”. Light winds from the north and west are keeping smoke from the Bruler Fire and surrounding larger fires to the south and east.

**CLOSURES:** To provide for public and firefighter safety a large area closure is being finalized. This closure will encompass large portions of Forest Service lands south of Detroit Lake, west of Highway 22 and north of Highway 20. The closure will also include the Middle Santiam Wilderness, Daly Lake, Tule Lake and the trail network known as the Old Cascade Crest trail system. The closure will be posted to the Willamette National Forest webpage. Visitors are asked to avoid Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands along the Quartzville Scenic Byway/Quartzville road including Yellowbottom Campground and Old Miner’s Meadow Group Site. Visit InciWeb (link below) for more information about closures in the area.

<b>Public information:</b> Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/brulerfire2021">facebook.com/brulerfire2021</a>  E-mail: <a href="mailto:2021.bruler@firenet.gov">2021.bruler@firenet.gov</a>  Phone: 541-223-9601, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.	<b>Inciweb</b> <a href="https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7663/">https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7663/</a>  Oregon Smoke Blog <a href="http://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com/p/air-quality-now.html">http://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com/p/air-quality-now.html</a>
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