



Brian Gales, Incident Commander, NWIMT13

Start date: July 12, 2021	Location: Linn County, 9 miles south of Detroit on the Sweet Home Ranger District	Cause: Under investigation
Fire size: 155 acres	Air Assets Assigned: 1	Total personnel: 168

Bruler Fire Update for Thursday, July 15, 2021

Sweet Home, Ore. – Northwest Incident Management Team 13 assumed command of the Bruler Fire yesterday at 7:00 am. Firefighters were able to take advantage of lighter winds and cooler temperatures to expand previously established dozer lines on the east side of the fire, increasing the depth of containment line between burned and unburned fuels. Line has been constructed around the entire Bruler Fire perimeter with the completion of dozer lines on the west side of the fire.

The Bruler Fire is now estimated to be 155 acres; however, this does not represent growth within the fire perimeter since yesterday. The increase in size is due to better mapping in the rugged terrain from an infrared areal flight.

Additional firefighting resources arrived at the Bruler Fire yesterday and were successful in keeping the fire within the established perimeter. Firefighters continue to address smoldering snags and trees by directly attacking these areas. Assigned resources on the Bruler Fire include fallers, hand crews, dozers, engines and a type 2 helicopter.

Today, firefighters will begin identifying locations to conduct hose lays. Additionally, firefighters will begin mopping up to increase the probability that the fire will stay within its currently established footprint. Mop-up of the fire perimeter is expected to take several weeks due to the rugged terrain and the dry fuels. Complete mop up is not possible due to the rugged terrain and hazards to firefighters interior to the fire. Mop up and patrol will continue well into the summer.

“We’re working to increase the probability that the Bruler Fire stays within its current footprint during this critical timeframe,” said Incident Commander Brian Gales. “I want to thank the public for their support of the firefighters in the community.”

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR: Today, the weather will be cooler, with a marine layer increasing relative humidity through the late morning. Winds are forecast to be light, leading to moderate temperatures and seasonal fire behavior. Temperatures are expected to stay moderate through the weekend leading to a lower probability of fire spread.

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

CLOSURES: A large closure area has been established to maintain firefighter and public safety. This closure encompasses large portions of Forest Service lands south of Detroit Lake, west of Highway 22 and north of Highway 20. The closure also includes the Middle Santiam Wilderness, Daly Lake, Tule Lake and the trail network known as the Old Cascade Crest trail system. The closure is posted to the Willamette National Forest webpage. Such a large closure area is necessary to ensure that firefighters can focus on managing the fire and not needing to evacuate visitors should conditions on the fire change rapidly. A Bureau of Land Management (BLM) closure area is also in place for lands along the Quartzville Scenic Byway/Quartzville road including Yellowbottom Campground, Old Miner’s Meadow Group Site, and nearby dispersed camping areas. Visit InciWeb for more information about closures in the area. We appreciate the support of the public in allowing us to stay focused on firefighting and we will reduce the closure area as soon as we can.

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