



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: 195 acres	Air Assets Assigned: 1	Total personnel: 250

Bruler Fire Update for Thursday, July 22, 2021

Sweet Home, Ore. – Firefighters took advantage of the cool marine layer and moderate temperatures yesterday and started mop up around the entire perimeter of the fire. Indirect primary control line was made more direct and closer to the existing fire line on all sides of the fire. Containment is listed at 12%.

Heavy equipment, including masticators, feller bunchers and bulldozers, arrived at the Bruler Fire yesterday. The equipment was used to strengthen direct control line on the north side of the fire, allowing firefighters to place hose and sprinklers. Equipment will be used to create larger fire breaks to reduce the possibility of fire spread beyond primary control lines.

Today, firefighters will begin creating a contingency control line on the west and on the south sides of the fire. Contingency control line is created as a plan if the primary and alternate plans fail to keep the fire inside the respective lines. A contingency line is in place in case a weather event creates unanticipated fire behavior.

“We are constantly working with stakeholders, firefighters and safety managers to anticipate possible challenges in fire behavior and to develop strategies to keep it in check,” said Incident Commander Brian Gales.

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. 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 possible. Safety issues on the fire include large rocks and trees falling onto roadways without warning due to the fire.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR: Today, the weather is similar to the weather yesterday, with high temperatures in the upper 70s and relative humidities in the 30% range. West winds are forecast, with gusts to 15 mph. Weather is forecast to get warmer and drier over the weekend, but the winds are forecast to stay light.

SMOKE: Air quality in 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. 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.

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