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<b>Start date: July 12, 2021</b>	<b>Location: Linn County, 9 miles south of Detroit on the Sweet Home Ranger District</b>	<b>Cause: Under investigation</b>
<b>Fire size: 195 acres</b>	<b>Air Assets Assigned: 1</b>	<b>Total personnel: 214</b>

### Bruler Fire Update for Monday, July 26, 2021

**Sweet Home, Ore.** – The Bruler Fire received an infrared flight yesterday, showing the areas of heat within the fire perimeter. Firefighters were able to focus mop up on portions of the fire that registered heat. This tactic ensures firefighters are setting up the next incident management team for success. The helicopter was not used yesterday, as the fire activity remained low. The helicopter remains available for the Bruler Fire today. Containment is now listed at 47%.

Today, firefighters will continue to improve established contingency line on the southwest side of the Bruler fire. Mop up will continue on the contingency line for the next few days.

Experience has shown that homes with defensible space, free of flammable fuels, can often survive a wildfire. Defensible space later offers firefighters the advantage of extra room to operate equipment to safely reach and extinguish any active fire. There are many other things you can do if you are landscaping your yard or remodeling your home that may add to the safety of your home and the likelihood firefighters will be able to defend it. For more information and tips about landscaping go to [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org).

**WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR:** Today, the weather is forecasted to be warmer and drier, with temperatures in the mid-80s and relative humidities near 20%. Light west winds are forecasted over the fire area. Weather is forecast to get warmer and drier through the weekend, but the winds are forecast to stay light.

**SMOKE:** Air quality in and around the communities of Detroit and Sweet Home will decrease over the next few days due to smoke from fires to the south entering the area. Smoke will thicken through mid-week. Air quality will improve by next weekend.

**CLOSURES:** The Willamette National Forest issued an order yesterday banning the use of campfires within the forest boundary. The fire ban includes fires within established campground fire pits. Additionally, vehicles are restricted to established forest roads, except for the Huckleberry Flats and the Santiam OHV areas, which remain open. Members of the public should be careful with any activity that could cause a spark – and a fire.

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.

<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 4:30 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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