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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: 185</b>

### Bruler Fire Update for Tuesday, July 27, 2021

**Sweet Home, Ore.** – The Bruler Fire did not experience significant fire activity yesterday. Firefighters made steady progress with mop up operations around the perimeter. 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 53%.

Today, firefighters will continue to improve established contingency line on the west side of the Bruler fire. Mop up will continue along the fire perimeter and work on the contingency line will continue for the foreseeable future.

Today marks the final day Northwest Incident Management Team 13 will manage the Bruler Fire. Control of the fire will be transferred to a Type 3 Incident Management Team from the Willamette National Forest. The team will maintain communication with the public through the Bruler Fire Facebook page, Inciweb and through the Sweet Home Ranger Station front desk. The new contact information is listed at the end of this update.

**WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR:** Today, the weather is forecasted to be cooler than yesterday, with temperatures in the low-80s and relative humidities near 30%. 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 the 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: 541-367-5168, 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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