



## Forest Service News Release

### Bruler Fire Update for Sunday, July 28, 2021

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<b>Start date: July 28, 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: 159</b>

**Sweet Home, Ore.** – On July 28<sup>th</sup>, Northwest Incident Interagency Management Team 13 transitioned command to South Cascade Interagency Type 3 team. Northwest Incident Interagency Management Team 13 worked hard to set up the Type 3 team up for success, and the Type 3 team will work to finish and improve the contingency lines and continue to mop-up. Containment is 53%.

As summer progresses, it is important to be ready for fire season. With the drought and record heat wave in June, this fire season will require vigilance and caution from everyone. Before a wildfire occurs in your area, create defensible space near your house. Remove flammable vegetation and other combustible material near your home. This includes cleaning gutters, roofs, and removing material under decks. Develop an evacuation plan for your family and assemble an emergency supply kit.

On July 28<sup>th</sup>, the adjective class will be raised to “very high”. Campfires within the Willamette National Forest will continue to be banned, including within established campground fire pits. Vehicles will also continue to be restricted to established forest roads, except for Huckleberry Flats and the Santiam OHV areas. For the complete list of restrictions, please visit <https://go.usa.gov/xFbaq>. Continue to be cautious about any activity that could cause a spark.

**WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR:** A warm air mass will remain in place over the region through the coming weekend. High moisture levels will persist through Thursday, enough to warrant some chance of rain and potentially thunderstorms. The highest chance of this weather occurring will be on Thursday, primarily in the afternoon and evening. On Friday, threat of rain and thunderstorms will shift towards the east of the Cascades, which will leave the Bruler Fire area under warm and dry conditions. The max temperature for July 28<sup>th</sup> will be 81-86° with a minimum humidity of 30-35%. Heavy fuels will continue to burn down interior portions of the fire, possibly releasing suspended materials on steep slopes. When the sun hits the finer fuels, there is a chance fire activity may pick up in the afternoon. More smoke may be visible from Detroit and Highway 22.

**CLOSURES:** The Willamette National Forest will maintain its large closure area to continue to prioritize safety of the public and firefighters. To see the forest closure map, please visit the Willamette National Forest webpage at <https://www.facebook.com/willamettenf>. For any additional information on the fire and closures, you can also visit InciWeb at the address listed below.

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