



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: 156 acres	Air Assets Assigned: 1	Total personnel: 209

Bruler Fire Update for Monday, July 19, 2021

Sweet Home, Ore. – Firefighters took advantage of the light winds and relatively high humidity to remove fuels around the Bruler Fire perimeter. Mop up work continued along the south side of the fire. Sprinklers were strategically placed along the west and east side of the fire to aid in suppression of hot spots. Containment is now listed at 10%.

Fire activity increased on the northwest and southwest corners of the fire yesterday. A helicopter dropped water on the fire to prevent it from escaping control lines. Additionally, a small spot fire was controlled outside the fire perimeter.

Today, firefighters will continue to place sprinklers on the south side of the fire. Engines and firefighters will conduct mop up activities on the north and south side of the fire, leading to future sprinkler placement.

Additional heavy equipment, including masticators, dozers and bunchers will begin arriving at the fire today. The west side of the fire has a large fuel load and this heavy equipment will help to mitigate hazards for firefighters and the public.

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.

“I’m impressed with the operations on the Bruler Fire,” said Agency Administrator Nikki Swanson. “Firefighters are safely and carefully utilizing the heavy equipment to keep the fire as small as possible and working with resource advisors to minimize impacts to natural resources.”

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR: Today, the weather will be similar to yesterday, with high temperatures in the low 80s and relative humidities in the high 20% range. Southwest winds are forecast, with gusts up to 20 mph. Similar temperatures, humidity and sky conditions are expected for the next few days. Thunderstorms are forecasted to stay well to the south and east of the fire.

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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