

Salmon and Olive Butte Fires

July 22, 2026

Daily Fire Update



Total Resources: 44 engines; 37 crews; 39 heavy equipment; 33 water tenders; 4 helicopters; 1,313 personnel

NW Team 12 will be hosting a community meeting in-person at Prairie City High School tomorrow at 6 PM. The meeting will also be streamed virtually on the [Salmon Fire OR 2026 Facebook](#). The community is encouraged to submit questions ahead of time [via email](#) to ensure team members can address them in their presentations.

Salmon Fire: Size: 1,433 acres | **Start Date:** July 8, 2026 | **Cause:** Lightning | **Containment:** 35%

Fire crews made steady progress in mop-up operations throughout many areas of the fire and installed sprinkler systems to extinguish remaining areas of smoldering woody debris, minimizing the need for firefighters to work beneath hazardous trees. Fire crews continue to work with heavy equipment and chippers as they reduce fuels along roads serving as control lines. Hotshots continue securing the fire's edge in the North Fork John Day Wilderness, working toward one another constructing handline from both the north and the south. Firefighters will backhaul and return to region fire caches excess hoses, pumps, and portable water tanks to be refurbished and made ready for use on other incidents. Mop-up operations will continue today as firefighters work deeper into the burned area, extinguishing remaining hot spots to further secure the fire. Yesterday the Salmon Fire sent a helicopter to assist with water bucket drops on other area fires.

Olive Butte Fire: Size: 3,010 acres | **Start Date:** July 8, 2026 | **Cause:** Lightning | **Containment:** 30%

Light morning rain and higher humidity cooled areas of the fire yesterday leaving only scattered heat and subdued fire behavior. Dozers completed fireline along the northwestern flank, tying into handline that firefighters constructed off of FS Road 13. Fire crews also lined and secured small fires that spotted over the handline. Hotshots are making progress in constructing direct handline in Lost Boy Gulch and are expecting to complete this fireline today. Fire crews are engaging in mop-up operations in multiple areas of the fire, adding depth to firelines and reducing fuels along roads with chippers. Firefighters are also backhauling excess structure protection equipment and signage as the threat to the nearby communities continues to diminish.

Weather and Smoke: Temperatures are forecasted to be 83-86 degrees today with winds NW 5-9 mph in the morning with gusts to 12 mph after 1 PM. There is a chance of showers and thunderstorms today. The NE Oregon Daily Smoke Outlook is available on the [Oregon Smoke Information page](#) that covers the Salmon and Olive Butte Fires. For the latest information regarding smoke and air quality, check [AirNow Fire and Smoke Map](#).

Evacuations: Residents should be prepared for changes in evacuation levels as fire conditions can change. [Baker County Sheriff's Office](#) recently reduced evacuation levels for the Granite and Greenhorn communities. Heavy equipment and fire vehicles are still working in these areas, so please drive with caution and be alert for unexpected fire traffic on narrow roads. To sign up for notifications in your area, visit [Grant County Everbridge](#) or [Baker County Alert](#).

Closures and Safety: The [Salmon and Olive Butte Fire Area Closure](#) and [map](#) has been updated. The public is asked to avoid the fire closure area for everyone's safety and to facilitate firefighting efforts. There is a [Temporary Flight Restriction](#) (TFR) over the fire area. Unauthorized drone activity is prohibited under this TFR, as firefighting helicopters and aircraft cannot fly when drones are present.

InciWeb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/orumf-salmon-fire>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SalmonFireOR2026>

Salmon Fire Information: (541) 407-5475, 8 AM – 8 PM Email: 2026.salmon@firenet.gov

Blue Mountains Fire Information: <https://linktr.ee/2026.bluemountainfires>