

NW INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM 10

P515 and Lionshead Fire Update

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Attached is our daily update on the P515 and Lionshead Fire. COVID-19 precautions are being strictly enforced including limiting public access to the Incident Command Post (ICP).

Please email directly to: 2020.p515@firenet.gov for questions. Pictures, interviews and videos are posted throughout the day on the KWSO Facebook page. Fire Information: 971-277-5075

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Warm Springs, Oregon - This update is for the Lionshead and P-515 Fires. Both fires are currently burning on the Warm Springs Reservation and are being managed for full suppression. The Lionshead Fire has triggered closures on other public land jurisdictions and has the potential to burn onto National Forest Lands.

Northwest Team 10 would like to sincerely thank the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and The Bureau of Indian Affairs for their support and professional partnership while managing the two fires. Due to increased fire complexity, a Type 1 team, PNW Team 3 under the leadership of Noel Livingston, will assume responsibility for the fire on September 8th.

Current Status: On Sunday, a smoke inversion kept large fire growth to a minimum on the Lionshead Fire. The fire is now 18,615 acres and 31% contained. Firefighters took advantage of the relatively quiet fire behavior to locate and cool spot fires and scout for possible places to stop the fire's spread. Vegetation was removed along the J-100 and P-400 roads to prepare them for use as control lines on the north and south sides of the fire. Potential control lines were also identified west of the J-100 Road to try and stop the fire's spread to the southwest.

Mop-up operations and removal of excess equipment continued on the P-515 Fire. Surplus resources are being reassigned to the Lionshead Fire.

Today's Operations: Fire resources will continue to work along the J-100 and P-400 roads on potential containment lines. Interagency Hotshot crews will diligently work to establish lines between fingers of the Lionshead Fire and burn out fuels to reduce the chance of further spread to the southeast.

Weather and Fire Behavior: There is a Red Flag Warning in effect today for strong winds and low humidity. A cold front is expected to pass over the fire area this afternoon, bringing winds gusting up to 30 mph from the east to northeast through Tuesday. The winds have the potential to push the fire through unburned areas to the west of the fire and north of Bald Peter. Temperatures will be cooler and relative humidity slightly higher than yesterday.

Closures: For public and firefighter safety, roads and trails on the southwest portion of the Warm Springs Reservation near the fires are closed to the public. Forty miles of the Pacific Crest Trail are closed between Santiam Pass and Olallie Lake. Much of the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness and some nearby lands and recreation sites are closed. See Willamette, Deschutes, and Mt. Hood N.F. websites for trail and area closures. [Deschutes NF Alerts](#) [Willamette NF Alerts](#) [Mt. Hood NF Alerts](#)

A Temporary Flight Restriction is in place over the P-515 and Lionshead Fires. Wildfires are a No Drone Zone.

Evacuations: Orders are being issued for evacuations as conditions change. Please monitor the local area sheriff's department websites and Facebook pages for updates. (Deschutes, Jefferson, Wasco, Linn, and Marion counties)

COVID-19: NW Team 10 is following recommendations from the CDC to keep fire personnel and the public safe. There is no public access to the Incident Command Post at the Jefferson Co. Fairgrounds.

Prevention Message: Head's up when in the woods or near trees! Strong winds can blow down trees and branches.