



**Start Date:** 8/16/2020  
**Cause:** Lightning  
**Incident Commander:**  
 Noel Livingston  
 Pacific Northwest Team 3

**Approx. Size:** est. 168,097 ac.  
**Containment:** 5%  
**Total Personnel:** 1180  
**Approx. Distance:**  
 14 miles west of Warm Springs

**Resources on the Fire:**  
 47 Crews  
 49 Engines  
 9 Dozers  
 29 Water Tenders  
 11 Helicopters

**Cooperating Agencies:**  
 Marion Co. Sheriff  
 Linn Co. Sheriff  
 Jefferson Co. Sheriff  
 Deschutes Co. Sheriff

## Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs P-515 & Lionshead Fire Update – Tuesday, September 15, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.

**Weather and Fire Behavior:** Today winds will be light and dense smoke will not dissipate to the degree expected. Temperatures will be in the 70s with slightly higher humidity than yesterday. Active fire behavior is anticipated today, especially at higher elevations. There will also be a change in wind direction, from southwest winds yesterday to light east winds early today and north and northwest winds later in the afternoon. Some precipitation is possible Thursday.

**Current Situation:** Aviation assets were still unable to fly yesterday and flights will likely not be possible today because of poor visibility. The northeast portion of the fire on the Warm Springs Reservation continues to experience the most active fire growth, yesterday reaching the North Fork of Cedar Creek and Badger Creek. Firefighting operations have been challenged not only by lack of air support, but also by unusually active fire behavior overnight. On the Reservation yesterday, the fire made a push to the east and crews conducted aggressive firing operations to keep the fire west of containment lines. These efforts were successful. Crews worked yesterday and through the night, building containment line and conducting burnout operations primarily along the B-200 Road. Lionshead Fire Managers met yesterday with personnel from the Riverside Fire to coordinate their containment strategies. They also evaluated options for connecting roads on the Mt. Hood National Forest to those on the Reservation. On the western edge of the fire, crews continued structure protection and damage assessments in impacted communities along the Highway 22 Corridor. Active fire behavior continues north of Mt. Jefferson and near Sisi Butte and Hawk Mountain to the northwest of the fire.

**Today's Activities:** On the Warm Springs Reservation today fire crews plan to conduct strategic firing operations off the B-200 Road, continuing from the powerlines all the way north to the B-180 Road. From here, they plan to extend those control line west toward Pinhead Butte. The goal will be to protect communities and the Forward Operating Base by utilizing dozer line, road systems and strategic firing operations to hold fire west of B-200 and fire managers will coordinate closely with the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs on firefighting efforts. Further west, fire crews will also continue yesterday's work doing structure protection and mop-up in the Olallie Lakes area. To the south, crews will scout for containment options west of the lava beds in the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness, taking advantage of features such as trails and old fire scars. Active fire behavior continues north of Mt. Jefferson and near Sisi Butte and Hawk Mountain to the northwest of the fire.

**Evacuations:** On the Warm Springs Reservation a Level 2 Evacuation "Get Set" Notice has been issued for Sidwalter, including Miller Flat, and a Level 1 "Be Ready" Notice is currently in place for Simnasho, including Schoolie Flat. Updates on evacuations on the Reservation can be found on the Warm Springs Police Facebook page. Fire managers and CWTR Public Safety will evaluate evacuation levels today.

**Closures:** For public and firefighter safety, roads and trails on the southwest portion of the Warm Springs Reservation near the fires remain closed to the public. Forest closures are in place for Deschutes, Mt. Hood and Willamette National Forests. [Deschutes NF Alerts](#) [Willamette NF Alerts](#) [Mt. Hood NF Alerts](#)

**FOR ADDITIONAL FIRE INFORMATION:** Fire Information: 971-277-5075

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