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Start date: Aug. 16, 2020	Containment: 46%	facebook.com/LionsheadFire
Fire size: 204,435 acres	Public information: 971-277-5075	https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7049/

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Lionshead Fire Update

Thursday, Oct. 8

REDMOND, Ore. - Aviation support is helping cool and slow the progression of hotspots around Mt. Bruno and a spot fire on the finger to the north while firefighters carry on with the many details of repair and rehabilitation.

Before an incident management team embarks on the repair and rehabilitation phase of a fire, the agencies affected provide written standards for the level of work to be performed. While many standards are universal, others set guidelines for specific values. On the reservation, any dead standing trees not at risk of toppling are to be left in place for harvesting. Slash piles are to be located away from legacy stumps, which are more than 50 years old and considered historic.

For the Willamette and Mt. Hood National Forests, there are added standards for visual mitigation along the West Cascades Scenic Byway, including minimizing stump height, following natural contours where feasible, leaving 3 to 5 down trees per acre, leaving clumps of small diameter trees where they do not pose a hazard to the roadway. These same standards apply to the Olallie Lake viewshed on the MHNF.

Today, the structure group will be removing protective aluminized wrapping from Gold Butte Lookout.

Weather: Wednesday's winds drew smoke from the California wildfires into the area, which could settle into the valleys today. A cold front moving in from Canada will lower temperatures into in the 50s and 60s, with higher humidity levels and 20 percent chance of precipitation. Winds could gust up to 23 mph.

Closures: Deschutes National Forest officials have reduced the Lionshead Fire Closure area, reopening some popular locations on the Sisters Ranger District. The public can now access to Round Lake, Jack Lake Trailhead and Jack Creek, as well as the southern portion of the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness.

Due to continued fire activity, the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness remains closed north of Minto Lake, which includes entry from Bear Valley, Cabot Lake and Jefferson Lake Trailheads. Forest Service Road (FSR) 12 remains closed between the junction with FSR 1425 north to the junction with FSR 1290 as firefighters continue active fire suppression and suppression repair activities. FSR 1290 and 1292 also remain closed.

The southern half of Mt. Hood National Forest is closed, however, the forest has reopened a large area on the east side. Complete details can be found at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/mthood/news-events/?cid=FSEPRD811247>

Hunters and others wanting to recreate should watch for fire traffic on highways and secondary roads, and also be aware the Sept. 7 wind event also left many downed trees and other hazards in areas not affected by the fire.

Evacuations: Evacuation levels remain unchanged for the communities on the west side of the fire. More information can be found at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/closures/7049/>