



Simnasho Fire Update
Warm Springs Fire Management, Incident Commander, Gary Sampson
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Incident Commander (IC) Gary Sampson is in command of the Simnasho Fire. The Simnasho Fire is located in timber and grasses on the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation about 5 miles west of Simnasho and 2 miles east of Hwy 26. This fire is being managed as a full suppression fire.

Fire Information: (541) 553-2004 (8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.)

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Information Websites:

Facebook page "CTWS – Fire Management"

Oregon Smoke Information - <http://oregonSmoke.blogspot.com/>

Fire App: Watch Duty is free on iPhones

Acreage: 1249

Containment: 25%

General Updates: The Simnasho Fire's footprint is currently at 1249 acres.

Crews worked throughout yesterday and all through the night to maintain the line on the Simnasho Fire. The main area of concern was on the southern flank along the Warm Springs river. There were 4 planes dumping retardant in volleys while 2 helicopters rotated dumping strategic water drops. They were joined with over 120 personnel in hand crews and 16 engines. The west, north and Eastern flanks remained unchallenged throughout the day with crews and engines working their way inward 100 feet and addressing hot spots. Last night we performed 2 hazardous fuel mitigation exercises to clean up the southern line to address slop overs. They also addressed 3 spot fires across the river but limited their growth to less than an acre total.

Today the focus will continue to be the southern flank and continuing to watch for spot fires. Firefighters and engine crews will continue the goal to keep it east of Hwy 26, south of Hwy 9, west of Road 450 and north of the Warm Springs River. Fire activity is through grasses and brush with a mix of timbered areas.

Additional resources have been brought in to assist Warm Springs Fire Management including Engine Crews and Hand Crews, with possible aerial resources ordering. Firefighting resources are prepared to respond to new starts today on the Warm Springs Reservation and surrounding areas.

Weather: Weather will be sunny and hot with temperatures from 86 to 95 degrees. Winds are from the west and north-west 10 to 20 mph.

Resources: 4 Crews, 16 Engines, 1 Type 2 Dozer, 1 Skidgine, 20 Overhead

Closures and Evacuations: There are no evacuations at this time. There are no road closures at this time but Hwy 9 is limited to local traffic and fire traffic only.

Temporary Flight Restrictions: For the safety of the firefighters and aircraft fighting the Simnasho Fire, wildfires are a "No Drone Zone."