



# FIRE UPDATE



## **FLAT FIRE**

## **PM UPDATE**

**August 24, 2025**

### **Incident Information:**

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**Firefighters continue to face challenging fire behavior during Red Flag conditions on the Flat Fire.**

### **Community meeting scheduled for Monday.**

SISTERS, Ore. (August 24, 2025) — As of this morning, the Flat Fire is estimated at 21,971 acres with 0% containment. The fire is burning approximately two miles northeast of Sisters, Oregon.

Daytime crews continued aggressive firefighting efforts amid difficult conditions today, as high temperatures and dry fuels resulted in increased fire activity. Crews worked under a Red Flag warning and heat advisory throughout the day. Despite the challenges, they were able to build on progress made overnight in the northeastern and southeastern portions of the fire.

In the northeastern portion of the fire, wildland resources reported reduced fire activity and were able to focus on strengthening and tying together portions of dozer line. On the southeastern portion of the fire, crews completed handline installation throughout Whychus Canyon.

The southern portion of the fire remained very active, and crews coordinated aggressive suppression efforts with air attack. Structural resources remained dedicated to structure protection and are actively engaged in firefighting efforts near homes. These crews are assigned to point protection, a tactic used to actively defend structures directly threatened by the fire. Point protection works in conjunction with coordinated efforts from wildland crews and air resources to slow the fire's overall spread and impact.

On the western edge of the fire, challenging weather and terrain contributed to erratic fire behavior, resulting in a spot fire located off the northwestern corner of this morning's fire perimeter. Resources that could be shifted from more stable portions were reassigned to this area, and crews will remain actively engaged with the spot fire.

The fire is expected to remain active late into the evening. As fire activity slows in the early morning hours, firefighters will take advantage of cooler temperatures and higher relative humidity to catch spot fires, reinforce line, and mop up hot spots. Seven OSFM Task Forces remain in place, providing structure protection through the night operational period.

## **FIRE AT A GLANCE**

Start Date: August 21, 2025

Estimated Size: 21,971 acres

Total Containment: 0%

Cause: Under Investigation

### **County Evacuations**

Both Deschutes County and Jefferson County have evacuation levels in place.

### **Updates**

For the latest updates, visit the [Flat Fire](#) Facebook page.

### **Road Closures**

For road closures, visit: <https://www.tripcheck.com>.

### **Total Incident Resources**

Hand Crews:	22
Engines:	92
Water Tenders:	34
Bulldozers:	15
Helicopters:	10
Total Personnel:	801

### **Incident Commanders**

Ian Yocum

Oregon Department of State  
Fire Marshal

Red Team Incident Manager

Tyler McCarty  
and

Aaron Whiteley

Oregon Department of Forestry  
Incident Management Team 3

Incident officials will host a community meeting tomorrow, Monday, August 25th, starting at 6:00 pm at the Sisters High School, located at 1700 W McKinney Butte Rd. Local and incident officials will provide a fire update and answer questions from the community. The meeting will be streamed virtually via the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire Department Facebook page.

The Deschutes County Sheriff Office has provided a press release about the destroyed and damaged structures. The damage assessments will be an ongoing process while the fire is continuing to be active.

**Evacuations:**

Evacuations are managed by the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. Level 1, 2 and 3 evacuations remain in effect under the direction of the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. Follow their Facebook pages for the latest information and updates. They can also be reached by phone: Deschutes County Sheriff's Office at (541) 388-6655, and Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (541) 475-6520.

A 24-hour evacuation shelter has been set up by the Red Cross at Highland Baptist Church located at: 3100 SW Highland Ave, Redmond, OR. Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Madras and Kerley Horse Center in Powell Butte are available for large animals.

**Area closures:** To help fire operations and firefighter safety, the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service ask that people stay out of the fire area. The BLM has implemented closures, which can be found under the Prineville tab on the following page: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/oregon-washington/fire-restrictions>.

As a reminder, drone use near fires is both illegal and extremely dangerous to pilots working on incidents. If you fly, we can't. FAA Temporary Flight Restrictions are in place for the fire area. All illegal drone use will be reported to law enforcement.

**Local Road closures:** The Deschutes County Sheriff is managing several local road closures.

- Wilt Road is closed at Camp Polk Road
- Panoramic Drive is closed at Camp Polk Road
- Goodrich Road closed north of Hwy 126
- Holmes Road closed north of Fadjur Lane

**Smoke Report:** Air quality continues to change. For current conditions, please visit: <https://fire.airnow.gov/>