



# 2023 WILDFIRE UPDATE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

## LOCAL WILDFIRE UPDATE - INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023, AT 2:00 PM**

On behalf of the Douglas County Commissioners, in conjunction with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office; local, State and Federal Wildfire agencies; and local partners we will be sharing periodic local wildfire information and resources.

### DOUGLAS COUNTY WILDFIRE INFORMATION MAP

<https://dcor.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=c1c9e876f2ed4e1fbfb2eae280b7c57c>

### EMERGENCY ALERTS

All Douglas County residents are encouraged to sign up for emergency notifications through Douglas County Citizen Alert System at [www.dcsso.com/alerts](http://www.dcsso.com/alerts). This system will be used to notify residents in an emergency.

### DOUGLAS PUBLIC HEALTH NETWORK - A FRIENDLY REMINDER ABOUT WILDFIRE SAFETY

1. Continue to monitor wildfire activity on the Douglas County wildfire information map.  
<https://dcor.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=c1c9e876f2ed4e1fbfb2eae280b7c57c>
2. Be prepared and continue to monitor evacuation reports from the [Douglas County Sheriff's Office](http://www.dcsso.com) at <https://www.dcsso.com/EVACUATIONS>
3. Evacuate if there is an order from the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.
4. Monitor air quality reports on sites such as AirNow or Oregon Air.  
<https://www.airnow.gov/?city=Roseburg&state=OR&country=USA>
5. If air quality is unhealthy, stay indoors and keep windows and doors closed, run your air conditioner and air filtration systems if you have them.
6. Limit outdoor activities when the air is unhealthy.
7. If you are experiencing severe breathing problems or other medical issues, contact your physician or seek care at a local Urgent Care Clinic or for more urgent medical matters call 9-1-1 or go right away to an emergency department at a hospital.

### AIR QUALITY INFORMATION

Due to wildfires in our area, we have been experiencing a high volume of smoke in our area. The air quality index (AQI) has been fluctuating between good and hazardous range in the past few weeks. **Currently it sits at an AQI of 31 (Good) as of 12:00 pm today, Friday, September 15, 2023, for the Roseburg, Oregon area.** Please continue to monitor air quality throughout the day, as it can change quickly. If it reaches unhealthy range or above everyone should try to limit physical outdoor activities, especially those with heart or lung disease, older adults, children, and teens. For more information about smoke levels check out Air Now.

<https://www.airnow.gov/?city=Roseburg&state=OR&country=USA>

## TYEE RIDGE COMPLEX WILDFIRE – FINAL UPDATE 09/18/23

### TYEE RIDGE FACEBOOK PAGE & CONTACT INFORMATION

Inciweb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/or75s-tyee-ridge-complex>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/tyeeridgecomplex>

Phone: (541) 625-0328

Email: [tyee.ridge.information@gmail.com](mailto:tyee.ridge.information@gmail.com)

#tyeeridgecomplexfire



Currently managed by: Oregon Department of Forestry Team 3

Eric Perkins, Incident Commander trainee

Chris Cline, Incident Commander

Transfer of command of the Tyee Ridge Complex will be managed by a Type 3 organization comprised of DFPA, BLM, ODF, and contract personnel. This will be the final update for the Tyee Ridge Complex. Future information will be distributed from the DFPA Facebook page, as needed: [facebook.com/DouglasForestProtectiveAssociation](https://facebook.com/DouglasForestProtectiveAssociation)

## COOPERATORS/PARTNERS

Douglas County Government  
Douglas County Board of Commissioners  
Douglas County Sheriff's Office  
Douglas County Emergency Management  
Douglas County Public Works  
Douglas Forest Protective Association  
Douglas County Search & Rescue Volunteers  
Oregon Department of Forestry

## FIRE DETAILS

### Fire prevention critical as high temperatures persist

Size: 7,945 acres

Containment: 90%

Location: Douglas County, Oregon

Start Date: August 24, 2023, at 9:12 pm

Cause: Lightning

Personnel: 493

Air Resources: Helicopters – 3

Evacuations: No Current Evacuation Notices. Evacuations cancelled Friday, September 15, 2023.

Closures: Hubbard Creek Road at Millwood Drive. Please avoid this area. Roseburg BLM has issued an area closure and map <https://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/oregon-washington/fire-restrictions>

Structures Threatened: 24

Structures Destroyed: 0

Air Quality: Expected air quality is mostly good. Smoke outlook is available online: <https://outlooks.airfire.org/outlook/467b8c16>

## UPDATE TRAP LINES – LOCAL MANAGED INFORMATIONAL BOARDS

Thankfully, with achieving over 50% containment on the Tyee Ridge Complex, incident command in downsizing the managed informational boards throughout the community. On Monday, September 11, 2023, they removed the following boards/information stations:

1. Tractor Supply- Sutherlin
2. Shop Smart- Sutherlin
3. Stearns Hardware- Oakland
4. Tyee Landing Bar and Restaurant- Oakland
5. Fred Meyer- Roseburg
6. Walmart- Roseburg

The following areas will continue to be managed until further notice:

1. Kellogg RFPD Station 2, Kellogg
2. Lighthouse Bakery, Umpqua
3. Melrose Country Store, Melrose
4. Wapiti Road / Tyee Rd Intersection, Umpqua
5. ICP / Fire Camp, Umpqua

## NO CURRENT EVACUATIONS FOR TYEE RIDGE COMPLEX FIRE

All evacuation orders for the Tyee Ridge Complex have been cancelled. This means all areas of the Tyee Ridge Complex Fire area are no longer under any level of evacuation. Local wildfire evacuations are managed and administered by the Douglas County Sheriff's Office (DCSO). If you have questions, please contact DCSO at (541) 440-4463. Please monitor the interactive evacuation map at [www.dcsso.com/evacuations](http://www.dcsso.com/evacuations) for the most up-to-date information.

## RETURN HOME SAFETY INFORMATION - FROM DCSO FOR RESIDENTS IN FIRE AREAS:

Residents living near active fire areas, should be aware that danger still exists in the area and should remain ready to leave at a moment's notice. Individuals returning to areas impacted by the fire should be aware there are inherent risks associated with returning. Hazards have not been mitigated from private properties and homeowners assume all risks by returning to their properties. If at any time a resident feels unsafe or in the event of increased fire behavior, significant wind, or rain, they should not wait to be told to leave and should do so on their own. The following safety tips are provided to those returning to areas which have been impacted by the fire:

## LOOK UP:

- **TRAFFIC:** Firefighters are NOT used to having the Hubbard Creek Road beyond Briarwood Road open to public use. PLEASE drive slowly for their safety and yours. Firefighting equipment, large equipment and personnel should be expected in the roadway. Patrol deputies will be enforcing reduced speed limits in the area.
- Reduced visibility due to smoke and dust should be expected.
- **BURNED TREES:** Trees that have been burned are now very weak. Do not park or stand under burned trees.
- **GREEN TREES:** Even green healthy-looking trees can have their roots burned which can make them fall.

## LOOK DOWN:

- **SEPTIC TANKS / CULVERTS:** The fire can burn underground septic tanks and culverts, but they can look “normal” above ground. Be careful when walking as the ground over these can be weakened and you could fall through. **DO NOT PARK OVER SEPTIC SYSTEMS.**
- **DOWNED WIRES:** Power lines should be de-energized. Still be careful as they can get tangled in vehicles.
- **SMOKING / SMOLDERING MATERIAL:** Logs, stumps, and other burned material in the fire may still be soldering or burning. Watch for ash pits or holes created by burned trees and debris. These can be filled with hot ash that can be dangerous to persons or animals.

## LOOK AROUND:

- **FIRES:** Fires may flare up without warning. Should you see flame or heavy smoke, do not assume that fire authorities are aware it. Residents will likely observe hot spots or smoke when returning.
- **WIND:** If the wind increases this can bring trees and branches down. Wind can also increase the movement of the fire. If it gets windy, you should leave the area.
- **RAIN:** Heavy rainfall can cause rocks, logs, dirt and other debris to slide down hillsides.
- **WILD ANIMALS:** Animals may be showing unusual behavior. They have been displaced, too, and could be looking for food or water.
- **PERSONAL SAFETY:** Your house and yard may be covered in ash. There may still be live embers present. Wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt or a jacket, and boots. Wearing a dust mask will be especially important.

***Smoke levels can be at hazardous levels, specifically near the fires edge. The fire management team will be posting daily smoke reports to their Tyee Complex Facebook page.***

## HUBBARD CREEK ROAD CLOSURE & BLM CLOSURE

A road closure continues for Hubbard Creek Road at Briarwood Road to the general public. **ONLY** Residents who can show proof of residency beyond the closure will be permitted through the area but expect delays and slow moving traffic. Community members are encouraged to avoid unnecessary travel near the area for firefighter and public safety. If travel is necessary, please reduce speeds and be aware of personnel, vehicles, and equipment in or around the roadway. Please obey all road closure signs and postings.

A Closure Order has been issued by [Bureau of Land Management \(BLM\) EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER](#)

## CLOSED RED CROSS SHELTER – CLOSED SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023, AT 12 PM

**THE AMERICAN RED CROSS SHELTER LOCATED AT THE WAY CHURCH OF SUTHERLIN FOR THOSE DISPLACED BY THE TYEE RIDGE COMPLEX CLOSED AT NOON ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023.** Anyone impacted by the fire who has unmet needs may contact the Douglas County Emergency Manager Emily Ring through the Douglas County Dispatch Center at (541) 440-4471.

## CLOSED ANIMAL SHELTERS - CLOSED

**OFFICIAL ANIMAL SHELTERING HAS BEEN CLOSED.** However, any resident impacted by the fire with unmet needs for animal sheltering should contact Douglas County Animal Control at (541) 440-4471.

## COMMUNITY MEETING

The Tyee Ridge Complex management team hosted a community meeting on Monday, August 28, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Roseburg Country. Representatives from the Douglas Forest Protective Association, Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon State Fire Marshal, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Douglas County Board of Commissioners, Douglas County Emergency Management, Douglas County Public Health Officer and Douglas Public Health Network were on hand to answer any questions. You can view the livestream video on the Tyee Ridge Complex Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/tyeeridgecomplex>



## THANK YOU OSFM!

Douglas County was significantly impacted by a large weather event on August 24, 2023, when several lightning strikes resulted in 19 wildfires in NW Douglas County now known as the Tyee Ridge Complex Fires.

The Douglas County Commissioners would like to extend their sincere appreciation for the amazing work done by the Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM), Mariana Ruiz-Temple, OSFM Red Team Incident Commander, Ian Yocum and OSFM structural task forces that responded to the Tyee Ridge Complex Fires in Douglas County in late August/September this year. The OSFM Red Team & additional OSFM Structural Task Forces arrived following a conflagration declaration made by the state after Douglas County Fire District #2 Chief, Rob Bullock and the Douglas County Board of Commissioners submitted an urgent request to OSFM for additional structural fire crews and equipment. OSFM showed up prepared to vigorously protect homes and vital infrastructure in our county with a contingent of 51 structural fire agencies who brought equipment, apparatus, and firefighters from across the state. It's important to understand that the OSFM structural task force is brought in specifically to protect homes and structures during large scale wildfire conflagration events.

(Photo credit Commissioner T. Freeman/Douglas County Government)



OSFM Red Team has been working with the Oregon Department of Forestry - Team 1 (ODF) in a Unified Command structure battling the Tyee Ridge Complex Fires since August 25, 2023. ODF Incident Commander, Joe Hessel and his fire crews have been and continue to work on building and maintaining fire lines, suppression, and slowing the forward progression of the fire, while OSFM concentrated their efforts on protecting threatened structures. Having accomplished their task of significantly reducing the fire threat for 164 structures in the Tyee Ridge area, OSFM Red Team and OSFM Structural Task Forces were able to return to their home bases on Sunday, September 3, 2023, while ODF – Team 1 continues to battle the Tyee Ridge Complex Fires. If the fire danger to these homes and structures increases, we can always request that the OSFM Structural Task Force return. In light of OSFM leaving, ODF Team 1 Incident Commander, Joe Hessel brought in additional crews to continue to monitor and manage structural protection. Big shout out to ODF Team 1 for the great job they are doing in battling this fire. OSFM worked collaboratively with the Douglas County Commissioners, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Douglas

Forest Protective Association, Douglas County Fire District #2, Douglas County Emergency Management and Douglas County Public Works to coordinate critical decision making and ensure that there was no loss of life or structures while they were working on the Tyee Ridge Complex Fires. We are most thankful for this result. Following OSFM's departure we received the attached letter of thanks from OSFM Red Team Incident Commander, Ian Yocum.

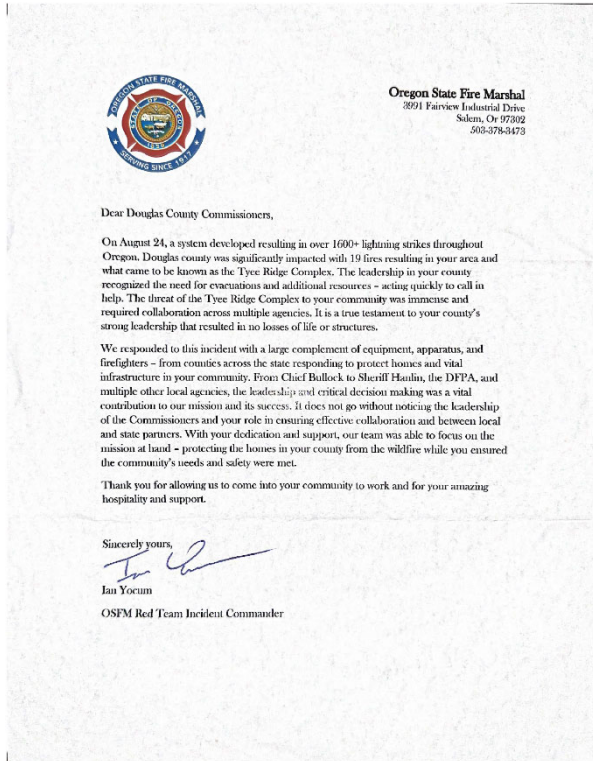
For more information and the latest updates on the Tyee Ridge Complex Fires, log onto:

Inciweb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/inciden.../or75s-tyee-ridge-complex>

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/tyeeridgecomplex](http://www.facebook.com/tyeeridgecomplex)

The Douglas County Board of Commissioners expressed their gratitude to OSFM at the Weekly Business Meeting on Wednesday, September 5, 2023. You can watch the video of the meeting at <https://video.ibm.com/recorded/133019995> or check it out on the Douglas County Government website at <https://douglascountyor.gov/>

Thank you again OSFM for a job well done!



## CHILCOOT COMPLEX WILDFIRE – Umpqua National Forest

### CHILCOOT FACEBOOK PAGE & CONTACT INFORMATION

The Chilcoot & Oregon Ridge Complex Fires combined their Facebook pages into the Chilcoot and Ridge Fires 2023 on Sunday, September 3, 2023.

InciWeb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/2023-chilcoot-fire-unf>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=chilcoot%20and%20ridge%20fires%202023>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/UmpquaNF>

Email: [brittany.burnett@usda.gov](mailto:brittany.burnett@usda.gov)

Phone: 541-900-5862

Hours: 8 AM - 7 PM

Northwest Team 12 transitioned management to Northwest Team 6 at 8pm last night, Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Currently unified command with:  
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Incident Commander Tyson Albrecht  
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Douglas County Emergency Management  
Douglas County Public Works  
Douglas Forest Protective Association  
U.S. Forest Service – Umpqua National Forest

## DETAILS

Size: 1,769 acres  
Containment: 60%  
Location: Douglas County, Oregon – Umpqua National Forest - 3806 Road  
Start Date: August 24, 2023  
Cause: Lightning  
Personnel: 500 (Between the Chilcoot & Oregon Ridge Fires)  
Total Resources: 13 engines; 12 crews; 7 helicopters; 6 heavy equipment; 8 water tenders

## EVACUATIONS

No current evacuations

## CLOSURES

- Closure Order (06-15-00-23-475) in the Umpqua NF has been established. The order is effective from Aug 28, 2023 – Dec 1, 2023. For full order go to can be found at [Umpqua National Forest - Alerts & Notices \(usda.gov\)](#)
- A Closure Order for the Canton Creek area has been issued by [Bureau of Land Management \(BLM\) Chilcoot Ridge Fire EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER BLM Roseburg District](#)
- Temporary Flight Restrictions can be found at <https://tfr.faa.gov/tfr2/list.jsp>

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Meeting #1: The Chilcoot and Oregon Ridge management team hosted a Community Meeting on Wednesday, August 30, 2023, at 7:00 pm for both the Chilcoot and Oregon Ridge Fires. The meeting was held at the Glide Revitalization Center at 125 Wild Thyme Lane in Glide (behind the Dental office). Representatives from the California Incident Management Team 12, U.S. Forest Service – Umpqua National Forest, Oregon State Fire Marshal, Douglas Forest Protective Association, Oregon Department of Forestry, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Douglas County Board of Commissioners, Douglas County Emergency Management, Douglas County Public Health Officer and Douglas Public Health Network were on hand to answer any questions. You can view the livestream video on the Chilcoot Fire Information Facebook page at [Chilcoot and Ridge Community Meeting Event Page](#).

Meeting #2: The Northwest Incident Management Team 12 held a virtual community meeting on September 7, 2023, at 7:30 PM. Fire personnel discussed fire activity and suppression operations on the Umpqua National Forest's Chilcoot, Ridge, Brice Creek, Dinner, and Grizzly Fires. They were available for questions. You can view a copy of the livestream video on the Chilcoot Fire Information Facebook page at [Chilcoot and Ridge Community Meeting Event Page](#).

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Douglas County Emergency Management  
Douglas County Public Works

Douglas Forest Protective Association  
U.S. Forest Service – Umpqua National Forest  
BLM – Oregon & Washington  
Oregon Department of Forestry  
Oregon State Fire Marshal

## DETAILS

Size: 214 acres  
Containment: 95%  
Location: Douglas County, Oregon – Umpqua National Forest - Boulder Creek Wilderness  
Start Date: August 25, 2023  
Cause: Lightning  
Personnel: 474 (Between the Chilcoot & Oregon Ridge Fires)  
Total Resources: 14 engines; 11 crews; 5 helicopters; 7 heavy equipment; 6 water tenders

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