



## Golden Fire Morning Update: Saturday, July 29, 2023

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### The focus on hot spots pushes containment to 34%

Bonanza, Ore – As firefighters push to 34% containment, Red Flag conditions are set to test the fireline.

“In terms of weather, today’s the test,” said Incident Meteorologist James White. “Yesterday was drier than we expected. Today’s going to be drier and for longer. Dry, windy and hot – that all leads to critical fire weather.”

During today’s operational period, crews will focus on pushing towards the fire’s center to extinguish hot spots. Incident staff coordinate nightly flights with thermal-sensing aircraft to pinpoint hotspots and relay coordinates to ground crews. Cooler night temperatures allow for better contrast and highlight hotspots for detection.

“We have pockets of unburnt brush and trees within the fire’s footprint, and these weather conditions can reignite smoldering portions and create active fire,” said Deputy Incident Commander Craig Pettinger. “We’re ready for that. Our folks are alert and ready to knock down any flare up to keep the fire within its footprint.”

As Red Flag conditions persist, officials urge residents to be mindful of their mid-day activities and follow fire precautions. Crews will continue to patrol the fireline regularly and remain alert and respond to any new fire activity.

Oregon Department of Forestry IMT 2  
Matt Howard, Incident Commander

<b>Size:</b>	2,137 acres
<b>Containment:</b>	34%
<b>Start Date:</b>	July 22, 2023 1:02 p.m.
<b>Expected Containment Date:</b>	August 7, 2023
<b>Location:</b>	North of Bonanza, Oregon
<b>Cause:</b>	Under investigation
<b>Est. Cost:</b>	\$6,750,000.00
<b>Personnel:</b>	414
<b>Resources:</b>	15 hand crews 19 Engines 2 Dozers 9 Water Tenders
<b>Aircraft:</b>	4
<b>Evacuations:</b>	Level 2 (SET) • all areas inside the fire perimeter.
<b>Structures Threatened:</b>	208
<b>Primary Structures Destroyed:</b>	48
<b>Primary Structures Damaged:</b>	3
<b>Outbuildings Destroyed:</b>	69
<b>Outbuildings Damaged:</b>	4
<b>Closures:</b>	Currently none.



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Additional updates can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/goldenfire2023/>.

**Weather:** The fire area is currently under Red Flag conditions. Today's weather will generate potential for active fire behavior. Wind and lowering relative humidity (RH) will produce critical fire weather over the fire area. High temps, low RH, and windy afternoon conditions.

**Evacuations:** American Red Cross and Klamath County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) have established an evacuation shelter at: Bonanza School, 31601 Mission Street, Bonanza, OR 97623. For the latest evacuation information call the Klamath County hotline (541) 205-9730. To sign up for Klamath County alerts, visit <http://alerts.klamathcounty.org>.

**Recovery Contact Information:** Information for services and resources for those impacted by the community with unmet needs, residential cleanup guidance, disaster social services and donations are available here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eTcNjV1gWSEsDBx4xGgw0Mc38G1O2WXn/edit?usp=sharing&oid=114577852474737846385&rtpof=true&sd=true>.