



# MOON COMPLEX FIRE UPDATE

Thursday, September 18, 2025

Great Basin Complex Incident Management Team #5

Fire Statistics	For More Information
Size: 4,058 acres Containment: 10% Total Personnel: 970 Cause: Lightning	InciWeb: <a href="https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/orrsf-moon-complex">https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/orrsf-moon-complex</a> Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/SWORFireInfo">https://www.facebook.com/SWORFireInfo</a> Contact Fire Information Phone: 541-674-5038 Email: <a href="mailto:2025.mooncomplex@firenet.gov">2025.mooncomplex@firenet.gov</a>

**Weather:** A narrow ribbon of dry air moving across the fire area yesterday dropped humidities to critical levels (10-20%) for a few hours in the late morning and early afternoon. Throughout the afternoon and into the evening, northeast winds developed across the area of the fire, with gusts ranging from 20-25 miles per hour along the ridgetops. This morning sees a return of marine air and valley fog dissipating by mid- to late-morning. Northeasterly breezes will persist through the first half of Thursday, weakening in the mid to late afternoon. Relative humidities are expected to be higher than yesterday, with a forecasted minimum of 35%.

**Situation:** Fuels within the fire area continue to dry out from the previous rain shower on Sunday. As a result, fire behavior may become more active, with some surface burning in areas dominated by leaf litter with full sun exposure, but overall fire behavior is anticipated to remain creeping and smoldering today. Four hotshot crews have arrived and are working the Moon Complex fires to build line in this complex terrain. As containment lines have been secured near the Paradise and Half Moon Bar lodges, most firefighters were removed from that area yesterday and will be repositioned to focus efforts on containing fire spread to the south and west. A small contingent remains to monitor and patrol control lines around the lodges.

- **Backbone Fire** – The Backbone Fire is 1,883 acres. Crews have begun working down from Panther Ridge to create “slingspots” where helicopters can drop off loaded nets of equipment and supplies to shuttle out to the fireline. They are also working to create an access trail for firefighters from Panther Ridge to the Rogue River. Firefighters are scouting options to secure the fire on its eastern flank near Blossom Bar Creek.
- **Pinnacle Fire** – The Pinnacle Fire is 2,149 acres. Yesterday’s low humidity led to an increase of fire activity on the southwest corner of the fire along the East Creek drainage. Bucket drops from a Type 1 helicopter and direct attack actions from crews kept fire growth minimal. Today, crews will work to improve firefighter access trails that they have built around the southeast corner of the fire in order to ensure there are escape routes through this rugged terrain.
- **Tate Fire** – The Tate Fire is 26 acres and was contained on September 10, 2025. Crews will remain in the area to patrol and monitor the fire and watch for any changes in fire behavior in the interior of the burned area.

**Safety Message:** Fire activity can drastically alter the river environment. Please follow <https://www.facebook.com/R6RRSNF> and <https://www.facebook.com/SWORFireInfo> for updates regarding river access and impacts. Be aware of changing conditions and follow the direction of River Rangers and Firefighting personnel along the river. Permitted boaters can contact the BLM Smullin Visitor Center at 541-618-2408 or [BLM\\_OR\\_MD\\_Rogue\\_River\\_Mail@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_OR_MD_Rogue_River_Mail@blm.gov) with questions about the status of the river.

**Evacuations:** The evacuation order for the Paradise and Half Moon Lodges has been downgraded from Level 3 (Go Now) notice to Level 2 (Get Set). Please visit the interactive evacuation map: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/de78333b0d2544f7a320142174aa20ae>.

**Closures:** There are emergency road, trail, and area closures in place for the Moon Complex and the nearby Kelsey Peak Fire. Please visit: <https://linktr.ee/RRSNFFireInfo> for additional closure information and maps.