



PRESS RELEASE

Scappoose Fire District



Alder Creek Road Fire

Alder Creek Fire Sunday Update 11:30am

Fire Crews continued to work throughout the night to achieve containment on the Alder Creek Fire. As of this release, the fire is estimated to be at 70% containment. The fire size is estimated to be 50 acres with minimal unplanned growth expected in the next 24 hours. Total containment is expected in the next several operational cycles unless a significant weather event disrupts current plans.

Prior to midnight, fire crews executed a successful firing operation to secure the west end of the fire to Alder Creek Road. This effort was supported by Scappoose Fire District, Columbia River Fire & Rescue and Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) crews.

Overnight, two 10-person South Fork crews, two dozers and five engines were engaged in direct line construction efforts.

Dayshift resources include a Type-2 helicopter, engines and four 10-person South Fork Hand crews.

Current dayshift efforts on the fire will be focused on securing the South end of the fire.

The fire will be constantly staffed until the fire behavior and security of the fire lines are considered to be held with confidence.

Unified command with ODF ended at 12am. ODF is now responsible for the fire. All future updates will come from ODF.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

We wish to offer our sincerest of thanks to the Dispatchers at Columbia County 911 who assisted us early on in the fire, ODF and their partnership in managing fire on the landscape, Columbia River Fire and Rescue, Vernonia Fire and the Columbia County Fire Defense Board Chief.

Most importantly, special mention is needed for our dedicated Volunteers of the Scappoose Fire District. Without their support and the support of their families, protection of our community would be significantly more difficult.

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