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Clatsop County Update on Air Quality and 5 Wildfires

Nov. 20, 2022 (Astoria, OR) — Five wildfires continue burning in Clatsop County for a total of approximately 520 acres.

At approximately 2:30 p.m. yesterday, Oregon DEQ tweeted “fires in Clatsop County, Oregon may bring periods of heavy intermittent smoke to communities in the North Coast. East winds are forecasted to remain through the weekend.”

Today, Winds are forecast to be 5-8 miles per hour from the east southeast becoming light and shifting in the afternoon.

Although air quality levels are back to healthy levels, that may change later in the day. Clatsop County Emergency Management and Public Health continue monitoring air quality. Residents may monitor their air quality levels at [AirNow.gov](https://www.airnow.gov).

Wildfires

Good progress is being made on all fires, and containment lines continue to be established. The Oregon Department of Forestry, local landowners and fire departments are working together to control the fires prior to Thanksgiving.

The largest of the fires, the 98 Delta Fire about 10 miles east of Gearhart, is estimated at about 250 acres and about 25 percent contained. Fire crews are fortifying containment lines and completing mop up in accessible areas. At this point, not a lot of additional growth is expected out of this fire.

Saddle Mountain County road remains closed to the public at the intersection of Wawa Mainline Road.

Active Wildfires

- **98 Delta** - Near Saddle Mountain Road and is approximately 250 acres
- **Park Fire** - Southwest of Saddle Mountain State Natural Area and is approximately 110 acres. Containment lines have been established on the east side of the fire.
- **Middle Mabel** is around 40 acres and is east/northeast of 98 Delta.

Controlled Wildfires

- **Green Gold** - is approximately 40 acres and is by the border of Clatsop and Columbia Counties.
- **Tillamook Head** - This fire continues burning and the landowner is managing it. Local fire departments and rural fire agencies are keeping it confined so the fire does not expand into other areas. Given the steep terrain, this fire may continue to creep and smolder for a while.

“We want to stress that incredible work is being done to contain these fires, however, they are not out and people need to stay informed,” said Justin Gibbs, Clatsop County emergency management director.

For more information visit [Clatsop County](#) or [ODF](#) websites.