



Archie Creek Fire Update September 19, 2020

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Special Note: All Level 3 "GO!" Evacuation orders have been downgraded for the Archie Creek Fire, effective 5:00 PM on Friday, September 18, 2020. For more information see <http://www.dcsso.com/evacuations/> Highway 138E remains closed at Idlelyd Trading Post and will remain closed throughout the weekend.

Residents who can show proof of residency beyond the closure will be permitted through area, but should expect delays.

Fire Update: The Archie Creek Fire has burned 130,429 acres and is 32 percent contained. There are currently 1,096 personnel assigned to the fire.

Yesterday's rain helped firefighters in making good progress on containing the fire by getting as close to its edge as possible. Last night at least a half inch of rain fell, so firefighters will continue to make good progress today. According to Operations Section Chief Mark Jamieson, "The weather gives us a good opportunity to get ahead of this fire. We need to jump on it with both feet while we can." Live and dead vegetation will dry out quickly once the low pressure system passes and warm and dry conditions return. Today, winds will shift from the southwest to the northwest, so smoke may be more noticeable to people south and east of the fire.

When some smoke cleared yesterday, firefighters discovered a 60-acre smoldering area outside of the fire perimeter north of Glide. They contained the spot and it does not pose a threat today. Areas of focus continue to be on the south, east and northern edges of the fire. In the south, this includes areas around Little River and Thunder Mountain roads to Highway 138. In the east, containment and mop up continues in three areas where the fire burned over containment lines in the Panther Creek area along the 110 Road. Along the northeastern edge of the fire, bulldozers, logging equipment and crews will continue working to connect old logging roads for firelines to protect threats to timber.

Fire mop up and improvement of firelines continues throughout the fire, including mop up around structures in Glide, Idlelyd Park and Rock Creek. Hand crews are helping build firelines in steep areas that are inaccessible to heavy equipment. Focus areas today will be in the Gassy Creek and Hinkle Creek areas in the northwest, in the upper drainages of Rock Creek down to Rock Creek Road and in the Trapper Creek area on the eastern edge. An old fire scar from the Apple Fire is helping check fire progression in the southeastern edge of the fire and firefighters are using old timber sale roads (600 series) to contain the fire in that area.

Firefighters continue to take actions to keep the fire from spreading to structures. They are protecting structures from fire in all areas of the fire, including along Little River Road and are assessing structure protection for the Bar L subdivision. Other areas of special protection include the Wolf Creek Job Corps, Susan Creek Bridge, communications equipment on Scott Mountain and the Big Tree area.

North of Highway 138E, in the Steamboat area, firefighters and heavy equipment continue to work along Canton Creek Road to Trapper Creek to build contingency firelines in case the fire crosses primary firelines.

A helicopter flew over the fire yesterday and will fly again today for reconnaissance when conditions allow. With little fire behavior today, firefighters do not anticipate the need for aircraft for fire suppression.

Highway 138E remains closed to all traffic except for firefighters and residents from Milepost 21 through Milepost 83. Crews from the Oregon Department of Transportation, Douglas County Public Works Department, Pacific Power and their contractors continue to work along Highway 138E, Rock Creek Road and other county-maintained roads within the footprint of the fire.

Personnel and Equipment: 23 Type 2 hand crews, 6 helicopters, 1 fixed wing air attack platform, 58 engines, 48 bulldozers, 48 water tenders, 9 masticators and 6 skidsteers.

Archie Creek Fire Donations: At this time, the Archie Creek Fire management team does not need donations. To help firefighters and their families, please contact the Wildland Firefighters Foundation at wffoundation.org/ or 208-336-2996.

The following agencies and organizations are helping those who were affected by this fire and are accepting donations.

- Glide Revitalization Committee: <https://gliderevitalization.com/>
- Glide Helping Hands: 541-733-6860
- Glide Baptist Church: <https://www.glidebaptist.org/>
- Greater Douglas United Way: <https://gduway.org/campaigns/fire-relief-fund/>
- Roseburg Rotary: <https://www.facebook.com/RoseburgRotary/> and https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s-xclick&hosted_button_id=3D2BEGT2AJBRS&source=url
- Douglas Timber Operators / Umpqua Fisheries Enhancement Derby: <https://donorbox.org/2020-archie-creek-fire-relief-fund>
- Saving Grace: www.savinggrace.info 541-672-3907.
- Red Cross: Located at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Check for current needs.
- Oregon Department of Human Services: Check for current needs. Food items will not be accepted. Donations can be dropped off this week at the Roseburg Department of Human Services building at 738 W Harvard, Roseburg OR M-F, 9am-4pm through 9/18/20

Evacuations, shelter areas: An interactive map of the current evacuation area can be found at www.dcsso.com/evacuations. For more evacuation information, visit the Douglas County Sheriff website www.dcsso.com/evacuations and Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/DouglasCoSO>

The Red Cross has services and a shelter at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Call 541-672-6581 The Western Oregon Expo Fairgrounds in Cottage Grove has space for evacuees, livestock and tents. Contact Skye Hefner at 541-556-2727 for more information.

Air quality: See the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality at <http://www.oregon.gov/deq>

Closures:

- **Roads** – Highway 138E remains closed to non-residents at Idlewild Trading Post and will remain closed throughout the weekend. See www.tripcheck.com for updates on highway closures.
- **Bureau of Land Management** – All lands east of Interstate 5, within the Swiftwater Resource Area are closed.
- **Umpqua National Forest** – Maps and closure orders can be found on Inciweb at: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/closures/7176/>. Additional information on the Forest Service closures are available at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/umpqua/alerts-notices> Managed lands east of Interstate 5, within the Swiftwater Resource Area are closed.
- **Temporary Flight Restriction:** There is a [temporary flight restriction](#) in effect for the Archie Creek Fire.