



Mt. Hood National Forest
16400 Champion Way
Sandy, OR 97055
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Fire Update

Fire grows to 40,000 acres under critical fire weather

Wednesday September 9, 2020 1:00 p.m. Update

Fire: Riverside Fire

Acres: 40,000

Cause: Unknown

Total Personnel: 100

Completion: 0%

Start Date: September 8, 2020

Location: 7 miles SE of Estacada, OR

Fuels/Topography: Timber, grass, rugged terrain

Yesterday: Firefighters responded immediately in the early morning hours of September 8, 2020 when the Riverside Fire was first reported. Driven by high winds, crews reported extreme fire growth including torching, running, and spotting fire behavior as the fire moved 17 miles west along the Clackamas River drainage over the course of the day.

“This weather is extremely hazardous to our firefighters and first responders,” said Richard Periman, Mt. Hood National Forest Supervisor. “We responded immediately when the fire was first reported, and we’ll keep all of the firefighting resources we have available on the Riverside Fire as we keep life and human safety as our top priority.”

Today: A second day of high-winds and low humidity could continue to drive active fire growth on the Clackamas River corridor of the Mt. Hood National Forest and surrounding private lands. Crews and available air resources will continue to look for opportunities to stop forward growth on the fire and protect life and property. More than 20 engines and crews are currently working to address immediate human life concerns, including working with county emergency management to assess any buildings burned yesterday. The fire remains seven miles from the community of Estacada, OR. This is an extremely fluid situation and more information will be shared as it becomes available.

Evacuations: [Numerous evacuations](#) are in place in and around the community of Estacada, OR. Please check with the [Clackamas County Sheriff’s Office](#) for real-time evacuation notifications.

Smoke: Due to the continued high level of fire activity the West Cascades will continue to experience heavy smoke impacts today. East winds will continue to move smoke from the Cascade Crest and into down-wind communities. These winds and fire activity will lead to “very unhealthy” to “hazardous” air conditions throughout the day. More information about smoke and your health is available at <http://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com>.





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Closures: The Mt. Hood National Forest is currently under a full Forest closure including all campgrounds, roads, trails, and other areas. Other road and areas closures will be updated as that information becomes available.

Fire Information:

Inciweb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7174/>

Tags: #RiversideFire #ClackamasWildfires

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Photo: Riverside Fire from La Dee Flats at 6:00 p.m. on September 8. Credit: Mt. Hood National Forest

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