



Southwest Area Incident Management Team



TEAM 3 – KEN WATKINS – INCIDENT COMMANDER

Firefighters work through the night to hold Fox Fire on Sisley and Daly Creek Roads

Daily Update for Fox and Powder River Fires: July 29, 2026

Fox Fire

Acres: 61,908 **Containment:** 0% **Start Date:** July 23, 2026

Location: 12 miles northeast of Huntington, Oregon **Cause:** Undetermined

Fuels: Grass and Timber **Personnel:** 381

With support from the Huntington Volunteer Fire Department, firefighters focused on mop-up and securing around Huntington yesterday, prompting Baker County to lift the Level 3 evacuations. Crews and engines along Highway 84 provided point protection to critical infrastructure and used limited ignitions to reduce fire intensity where needed. Mop-up continued along the Snake River and dozers improved Daly Creek Road for use as containment line. Sprinkler systems were set up at structures along Daly Creek Road and aviation dropped water as the fire crossed Daly Creek late afternoon.

With a solid anchor point along the highway, fire managers can use Sisley Creek Road as a primary containment option. Beyond that to the northwest, a dozer line will be improved in Manning Creek. Both Sisley and Manning Creek Roads will connect to Lookout Mountain and further north to Daly Creek Road as containment line. Dozers and heavy equipment will work on these containment lines today.

Powder River Fire

Acres: 21,088 **Containment:** 84% **Start Date:** July 16, 2026

Location: Approximately 5 miles west of Richland, Oregon **Cause:** Undetermined

Fuels: Grass, Sage, Timber **Personnel:** 53

The remaining engines continue to patrol, mop-up and are ready to assist with any initial attack.

Evacuations: Evacuation orders are in effect for both the Fox and Powder River Fires. The public is urged to follow directions from the Baker County Sheriff's Office. More at: <https://arcg.is/0iKuO91>.

Safety & Closures: Follow Oregon Department of Transportation for highway closures. Snake River Road is closed from Huntington to Richland. Smoke and firefighters may be on roadways. The Bureau of Land Management has issued a closure for lands west of the Snake River. Temporary flight restrictions are in place over the fire areas.

Smoke: Smoke from fires continues to affect portions of eastern Oregon and neighboring areas. For more information: <https://outlooks.airfire.org/outlook/ad8568e1>

Weather: Continued hot, dry conditions with northwest winds. Temps in the 90s. No showers or thunderstorms.

BLM Fire Restrictions: <https://www.blm.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2026-07/orwa-fpo-val-070626.pdf>

Phone Number: 541-982-5651 (7 a.m.-7 p.m.)

Powder River Inciweb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/orvad-powder-river-fire>

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