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## Good progress made on Gumboot wildfire; Buzzard Complex remains active

**HINES, Ore.** –Firefighters on the ground and in the air made significant progress toward suppression on the Gumboot wildfire north of Riley yesterday. Despite steady winds, high temperatures and extremely dry conditions, limited resources proved determined in their efforts. At last estimate, the Gumboot fire was approximately 60 percent contained and 1,600 acres. Firefighters will continue securing the fire perimeter and suppressing hot spots throughout Tuesday.

The Buzzard Complex gave firefighters several challenges throughout the burn period. The complex is made up of several active fires that span intermittently from the Lamb Ranch/Warm Springs Reservoir area south to the Beaver Table/Twin Reservoir area near Venator. Northwest winds pushed the fires steadily south and east toward several residences and outbuildings mid-afternoon. Late in the evening, the fire crossed Highway 78 to the south. Firefighters worked until 3 a.m. and successfully protected homes and structures, though one private horse trailer was lost. Today's objectives include reducing fire spread and securing containment lines.

The Type 2 Oregon Incident Management Team 4 has been assigned to manage the Buzzard Complex and will take over operations today. The firefighter base camp and Incident Command Post will be set up at the Crane Elementary School. There is currently no estimate for total acreage or containment within the Buzzard Complex. Accurate fire perimeters are expected later this morning or afternoon.

All evacuation notices for those immediately affected near Highway 78 south of Crane have been lifted and Highway 78 is open all the way through at this time. No structures are currently threatened. All access roads into Warm Springs Reservoir remain closed until further notice. This includes entrances off Highway 20 East, off the Stinkingwater Access Road, at Juntura, and at Riverside.

Fire information and updates will be provided as early and often as possible. For the most current information, go online to [www.inciweb.nwcg.gov](http://www.inciweb.nwcg.gov). Residents should expect increased firefighting equipment on roadways and in the air, and avoid active wildfire areas at all times.

Fire danger is HIGH and public use restrictions are in effect across Harney County. The Industrial Fire Precaution Level is a level two, which limits personal woodcutting to those hours after 8 p.m. and before 1 p.m. Use extreme caution when traveling through and recreating in the outdoors this time of year.

**To report a wildfire, call 573-1000. For more information on current wildfire activity, call 573-4519.**

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