Lake George Fire West of Sisters Grows to 600 Acres

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The Lake George Fire continues to burn approximately 13 miles west of Sisters in the Mt. Washington Wilderness on the Deschutes National Forest, and grew in size from 20 to 300 acres in a four hour period Thursday. As of 10 a.m. Friday August 11, the area involved is estimated at 600 acres.

According to a news release from the Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center, the fire is burning in bug-killed lodgepole pine and fir. The westerly winds have pushed the fire to the east and causing some spotting ahead of the main fire. Dry Creek Trail Head is closed until further notice.

Four heavy air tankers, two Type-1 helicopters and a single engine air tanker worked throughout the afternoon as ground crews made their way into the fire. Four 20-person handcrews worked throughout the night to build a fireline around the blaze. Ten engines and three dozers are pre-positioned in the event the fire burns outside the Mt. Washington wilderness boundary and threatens private land. A Type-1 incident management team was ordered to take over command of the fire. Agencies on this fire include the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service, the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management, and the Oregon Department of Forestry.Crews continue to work on the 600 acre Rock Springs Fire which is located 5 miles NW of Clarno, Oregon. This lightning caused fire is 60 percent contained.The 800 acre Three Horses fire, which is located 5 miles SE of Clarno, is 95 percent contained with full containment expected tomorrow. Fire crews continue to mop up.