

Firefighters make headway in Central Oregon

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According to the Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center, firefighters continue to make progress in containment of several fires throughout the region.

Although firefighters continue to deal with extreme terrain and flashy fuels, the Fossil Creek Fire on Highway 19 southeast of Spray (Incidents 496 & 513) grew only slightly Wednesday and is currently 2,985 acres and 25% contained. The fire was caused by lightning on July 12, and remains under command of a Type II Incident Management Team and is staffed by 19 engines, eight hand crews, three helicopters, three dozers, four water tenders and miscellaneous overhead personnel. Firefighters hope to take advantage of slightly cooler conditions to continue fireline construction and begin mop-up operations. The estimated containment date is Saturday, July 22.

The Black Rock Fire (Incident #526) located ten miles southeast of Clarno also had minimal growth. It is now 1,850 acres and 90% contained. The lightning-caused Stove Pipe fire near Twickenham remains at 770 acres and 80% containment. Both fires are expected to be contained within the next two days.

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