

Woodside Ranch Fire holds at near 600-acres

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BEND, Ore. -- Thursday fire officials held the line around the Woodside Ranch fire and experienced no growth in the 589-acre fire. According to the Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center, as of 4:45 p.m. the fire was currently 40 percent contained with a line completely around the perimeter.

Firefighters will continue to strengthen the fire-line and mop-up the fire perimeter.

The fire has burned 62 acres on the north side of the 18 Road, 527 acres on the south side of the 18 Road, and is held east of the power lines and west of the 1810 road. The south side of the fire has burned into the old Bessie Butte Fire and east into the 18 Road Fire, this is helpful due to the lighter fuel loading in these areas, and no further spread is anticipated.

Road closures remain in place on the Horse Butte / 1815 Road, and the section of China Hat where it turns into the 18 Road.

The fire started at 3:33 p.m. on Wednesday, just one mile south of the Woodside Ranch subdivision located on the south side of Bend, Oregon. The cause is still under investigation.

A Type III Central Oregon Incident Management Team lead by Incident Commander John Wells with Central Oregon Fire Management Service, and Travis Moyer with the Oregon Department of Forestry is managing the fire.

Possible thunderstorms Thursday evening with increased winds expected today may increase fire activity in the area, authorities reported.

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