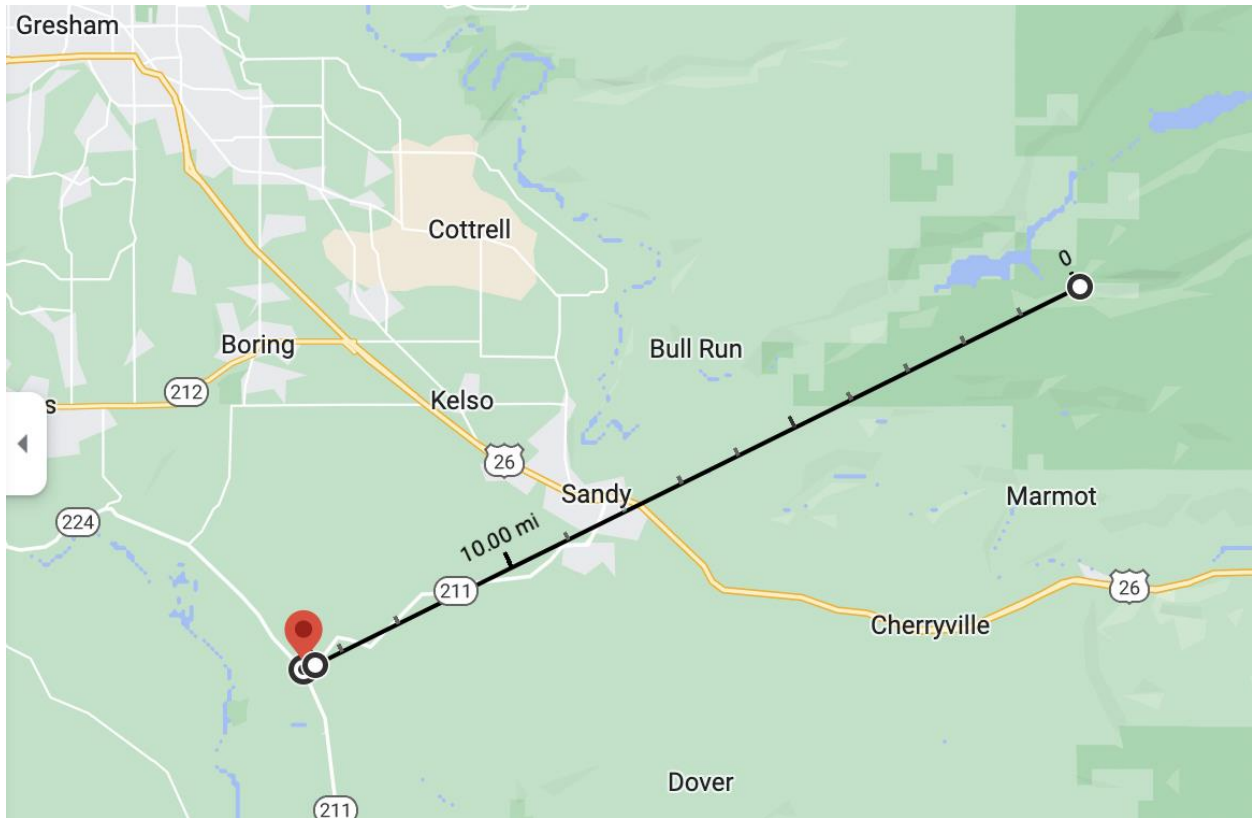


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Do you think Eagle Creek Oregon will be affected by this fire? *Eagle Creek is approximately 13.5 miles from the Camp Creek Fire. It is highly unlikely that the Camp Creek Fire will affect the Eagle Creek community.*



In 2020 the schools were delayed in opening due to fire an air quality. Will the Camp Creek Fire impact school openings? *At the August 27, 2023, Public Meeting in Sandy, Oregon, School Superintendent Aaron Bayer stated that at this time, there is no plan to postpone the opening of schools due to air quality concerns. However, if the fire became more active, and air quality was significantly affected, these discissions would have to be reevaluated.*

Are you using the 14 Road to the south of the Camp Creek Fire as a fire break? *Firefighters are clearing brush along the Road 14. This road will be used as a control feature.*

At this rate of growth per day, how long do you think before the fire reaches homes in town? Such a Sandy, Brightwood, and Welches? *The fire is currently not growing rapidly. Firefighters will endeavor to keep the fire within*

Is the overnight humidity helping this FIRE? *Yes. Higher humidity levels help to reduce fire intensity.* Is the rain forecast for Tuesday through Thursday going to help us at all? *Yes. While the limited precipitation forecasted for the area will not extinguish the fire, it may help moderate short term fire activity.*

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Why hasn't any thinning or other mitigation been done in the Bull Run area if there have been concerns about the fuel load in the watershed? *The area within and around the Bull Run Watershed is off-limits to logging, mining, and public recreation.*

We have been waiting for evacuation information and have heard nothing even though the fire is only a few miles from our homes. Who can we talk to? *Current evacuation planning information is available on the Clackamas County website at: <https://www.clackamas.us/wildfires>*

What types and how many aircraft are working this FIRE? *Currently there are three Type 1 and one Type 3 helicopters assigned to the Camp Creek Fire, as well as two Canadair CL-415 (Super Scooper) fixed wing aircraft.*

Type 1 Helicopter: Type 1 helicopters are the largest, fastest flying and the most expensive helicopters used on wildland fires. They can typically carry 700 gallons of water or retardant via a bucket or a snorkel that fills an internal tank. These helicopters can strategically drop thousands of gallons of water or retardant with pinpoint accuracy, while working closely with ground personnel and other firefighting aircraft.

Type 3 Helicopter: Type 3 helicopters are smaller, they have a higher cruise speed than a typical Type 2 helicopter and can arrive on the scene of an initial attack wildfire faster. They are capable of carrying four to five firefighters at a time, and use a 180 gallon water bucket.

Canadair CL-415 (Super Scooper): Water Scoopers are amphibious aircraft that skim the surface of a body of water and scoop water into an onboard tank and then drop it on a wildland fire. Canadair CL-415 can hold up to 1,600 gallons of water. It can take as little as 12 seconds to fill the tank to capacity. The aircraft can scoop from water sources that are about 6.5 feet deep and 300 feet wide. Scoopers usually use lakes but can also scoop from rivers.

Is the sandy ridge bike park still open? *For information on the Sandy Ridge Bike Park visit their web site at: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/recreation/mountainbike/sandyridge>*

Are there any plans to shut off electrical power to the communities near the fire? *Under certain circumstances, Portland General Electric (PGE) might choose to deenergize their power lines. These might include periods of high winds, or elevated fire weather conditions. Also, if a wildland fire was encroaching upon overhead power lines or structures, power might be cut off. For more information on PGE policies and procedures visit the PGE website at: <https://portlandgeneral.com/>*

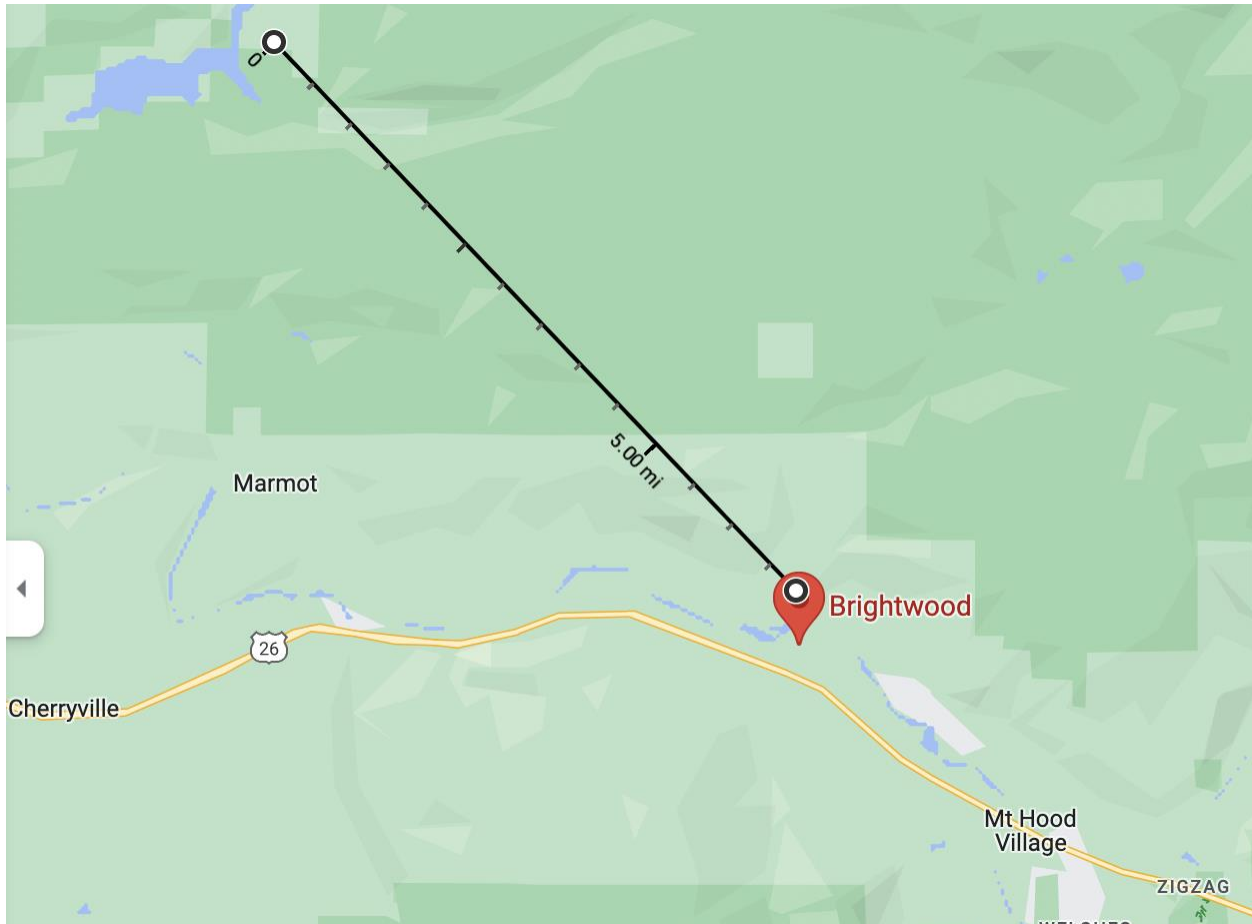
Many locations only get cell service through Wi-Fi . If the power is cut off, cellular data won't work; how will we be notified of evacuations? *Residents who live in areas without reliable cell phone or WiFi coverage might consider working with a friend or family member who does have*

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reliable connectivity monitor the situation and agree to alert you in the event a warning or evacuation notice is issued.

11. How far is this fire from Brightwood? *Currently the Camp Creek Fire is approximately 5 miles from the community of Brightwood.*



If the power is shut off, how will we get evacuation updates? *Residents who live in areas without reliable cell phone or WiFi coverage might consider working with a friend or family member who does have reliable connectivity monitor the situation and agree to alert you in the event a warning or evacuation notice is issued.*

Can you update us on the potential power shut off? We know how close this is to PGE power lines. *Under certain circumstances, Portland General Electric (PGE) might choose to deenergize their power lines. These might include periods of high winds, or elevated fire weather conditions. Also, if a wildland fire was encroaching upon overhead power lines or structures, power might be cut off. For more information on PGE policies and procedures visit the PGE website at: <https://portlandgeneral.com/>*

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Where can I take my animals? *There are currently no evacuation orders in place in Clackamas County. In the event evacuations were ordered, plans for housing animals and livestock would be addressed by the county. For more information contact Clackamas County Disaster Manager at 503-655-8378 or by email at ccdm@clackamas.us.*

Has the city posted water restrictions. *At this time there are no water restrictions in place for the City of Sandy, Oregon. For more information on water services contact the City of Sandy Water Division at 801-352-4400 or by email at utilities@sandy.utah.gov.*

Evacuation Information

Clackamas County's Emergency Operations Center continues to monitor the Camp Creek Fire and is working in coordination with the incident management team. They have created a fire evacuation planning map, found on this site. Here you can also sign up for emergency alerts, learn evacuation levels, and find other useful information on how to prepare for wildfires.

<https://www.clackamas.us/wildfires>

Bull Run Watershed - Information regarding the fire's effect on the Bull Run Watershed:

<https://www.portland.gov/water/camp-creek-fire>

Portland General Electric – Wildfire Outage Information

As Oregon's weather gets hotter and drier, wildfires can hit suddenly and grow quickly and create a greater likelihood of summer safety-related power outages. We're preparing and we encourage you to prepare as well: <https://portlandgeneral.com/outages-safety/wildfire-outages>

Are chemical fire retardants being used?

Fire retardants were used in limited areas during the initial attack on Friday, Aug. 25 to support fire suppression efforts and protect the Bull Run Watershed. Fire retardants may be used again to support firefighting efforts. Retardant will not be used in defined exclusion zones that drain into the Bull Run Reservoirs to protect water quality. Portland Water Bureau will continue to rigorously monitor for potential impacts to water quality.

- Interagency Wildland Fire Chemicals Policy and Guidance - <https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/fire/chemicals>

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Do fire suppression activities affect water quality?

Drinking water quality is best assured if the watershed remains forested. If the Forest Service decides that fire retardant must be used to prevent a catastrophic fire in the watershed, the Multnomah County Health Department has determined that the risk to human health would be negligible first, because of the retardant's components (85 percent water, 10 percent fertilizer, and five percent minor ingredients), and second, because of dilution by the billions of gallons of water in the reservoirs. At all times, water quality from the Bull Run is rigorously monitored.