

Fire Crews Still Fighting Fires Started Thursday By 700+ Lightning Strikes

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Thursday afternoon lightning storms swept across much of Oregon, causing 140 wildfires. Crews were dispatched to suppress the fires, and are still working to put some of the larger fires out today.



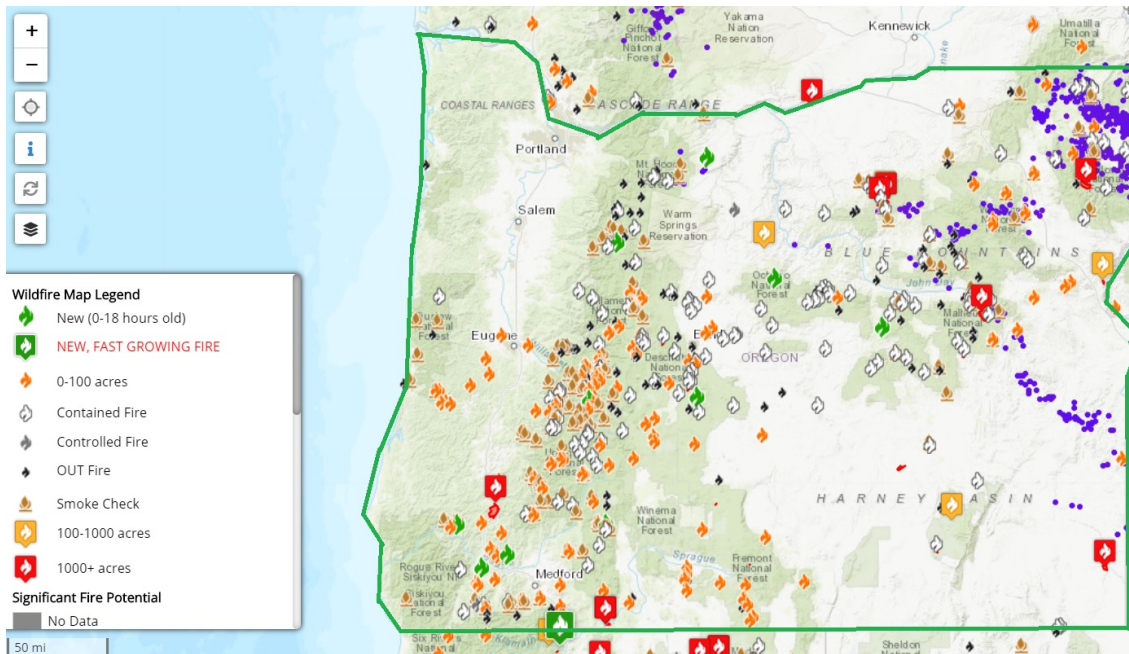
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Rain that came with the lightning helped suppress most of the fires started on Thursday September 5th, 2019 and kept them small, though some fires grew in size, requiring a greater response from fire suppression teams. One such fire is the Gopher Fire in the Sky Lakes Wilderness in Southern Oregon. The Gopher fire is currently 200 acres and is being fought by 2 crews containing 55 personnel, and 3 helicopters.



Fire crews across Oregon are still fighting other large fires started in August by lightning, such as the 204 Cow Fire outside Unity Oregon. The 204 Cow fire is currently 9,602 acres and is 72% contained at this time.

Check out this map of current wildfires in Oregon from September 7th 2019 at 2:30 pm.



On the map: green flames are fires less than 18 hours old, orange flames are fires under 1,000 acres, and red flames are fires over 1,000 acres. You'll also see purple dots in the eastern part of the state. Those are lightning strikes in the last 24 hours.