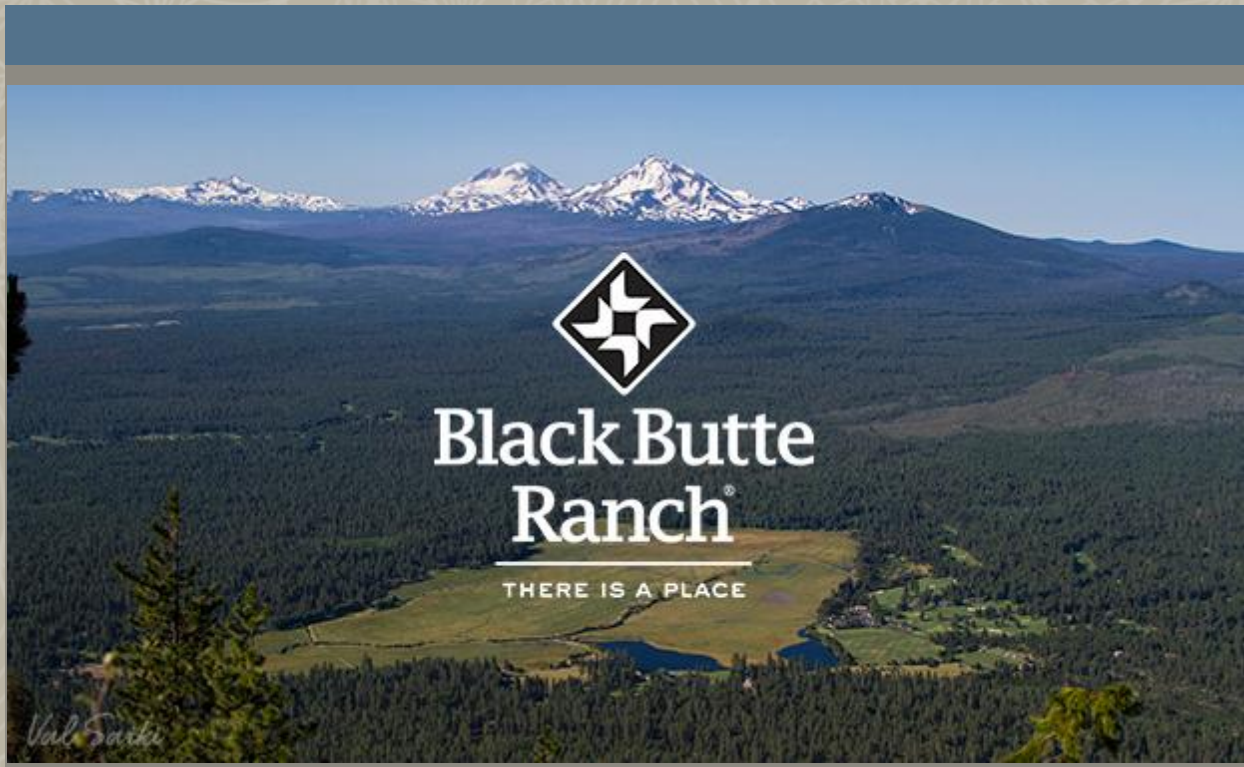




Akawa Butte Fire Update | July 22, 2026

Dear Black Butte Ranchowners and Guests,

We are reaching out to provide an update on the **Akawa Butte Fire**, burning northeast of Black Butte Ranch, as well as details on how the Black Butte Ranch Team is actively monitoring the situation to ensure everyone's safety.

First and most importantly: **There is currently NO immediate threat to Black Butte Ranch.** While the fire remains active in northern Deschutes and Jefferson counties, the Ranch is operating normally. You may, however, notice intermittent smoke, reduced air quality, or increased emergency aircraft and equipment traveling through Sisters and other nearby areas.

The concern level is high, especially for Camp Sherman, Sisters community areas along Indian Ford Road, Wilt Road, Camp Polk Road and various other connect points.

Today's conditions are "red flag", which means warm temperatures, very low humidities, and stronger winds are expected to combine to produce an increased risk of fire danger. Predicted windy conditions are of great concern.

The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office Closes Two Roads as Evacuation Notices Increase

[Click here to LEARN MORE](#)

Road Closures:

- Indian Ford Road between Hwy 20 and Meadow View Lane
- Wilt Road north of Buffalo Drive

What the Black Butte Ranch Team is Doing

Our Administration, BBR Police Department, and Safety Teams are working around the clock to remain prepared and informed:

1. **Continuous Monitoring:** We are in direct, continuous contact with local emergency management agencies, including Incident Command, the Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District, the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, and Central Oregon Fire Information.
2. **Emergency Preparedness & Signage:** BBR Police and Operations teams are maintaining emergency egress plans. In the event of any localized warning or shift in conditions, clear signage and directions will be posted along evacuation routes.
3. **Information Sharing:** We will keep the community updated through our official channels. If conditions change, the [Fire Emergency Information Webpage](#) and Ranch email newsletters will serve as the primary sources for Ranch-specific news.

What Ranchowners and Guests Should Do to Be Ready

Even when there is no direct threat, maintaining a high level of preparedness ("Ready, Set, Go") is best practice during Central Oregon wildfire season. Here is how you can prepare:

1. Public Meeting

- **An in-person community meeting:** will be held at **6:30 PM on Thursday, July 23rd at the Sisters High School Auditorium**. The meeting will be live streamed for virtual attendees via Facebook on the [Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District Facebook page](#).

2. Stay Informed & Opt-In to Alerts

- **Watch Duty App:** Current fire and emergency level status information [LINK HERE](#)
- **BBR Alerts:** <https://www.blackbuttepolice.gov/bbr-alerts>
- **Deschutes Alerts:** <https://member.everbridge.net/892807736723736/login>
- **Sign Up for Local Alerts:** Ensure you are registered with the Deschutes Alert System (DAS) or text cofire to **888777** to receive local Central Oregon emergency text updates.
- **Download the BBR Mobile App:** Keep up-to-date with localized Ranch announcements directly on your phone. [Link HERE](#)
- **Official Incident Updates:** Visit <facebook.com/akawabuttefire> or <centraloregonfire.org> for official fire tracking.
 - Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District: <facebook.com/SCSRFPD>
 - Air Quality Updates: Check <fire.airnow.gov> for real-time smoke conditions.
- **Deschutes County Evacuation Map & Info:** <sheriff.deschutes.org>
- **BBR Fire Emergency Info Webpage:** <blackbutteranch.com/activities/emergencies>
- **In Case of Emergency: Dial 9-1-1**

3. Prepare Your "Go-Kit" & Emergency Plan

- **Level 1 (Be Ready) Checklist:** Have an emergency kit accessible containing essentials: prescription medications, important documents, flashlights, pet supplies, N95 masks for smoke, and two to three days of food/water.
- **Ensure Access:** Keep your vehicle's fuel tanks filled and know all primary and secondary egress routes out of Black Butte Ranch and onto Highway 20.
- **Inform Guests and Renters:** If you have rental guests or family staying at your home, please share this information with them so they know where to look for updates.

4. Practice Fire Prevention on the Ranch

- Adhere strictly to current [Public Fire Restrictions](#) and Industrial Fire Precaution Levels (IFPL).
- Do not light outdoor fires, charcoal grills, or use open flames where prohibited.
- Properly dispose of smoking materials and avoid parking vehicles on dry grass.
- If you are in need of pine needle pick-up, please contact the Maintenance Department by calling [541-595-1527](tel:541-595-1527) or by filling out a service request form by [clicking here](#)

Key Resources at a Glance

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blackbutteranch.com/activities/emergencies
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We will continue to monitor the Akawa Butte Fire and surrounding weather conditions closely and will reach out promptly if any updates impact our community. Thank you for your proactive help in keeping Black Butte Ranch safe and prepared.

Other Ranch updates:

- Music on the Lawn and the climbing wall for Wednesday, July 22 is **canceled** due to air quality concerns.

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