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**Doug Firman** : 8/19/2008; 7:19:55 PM

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I was up on Big Slide Mtn today and could see several fires burning within the Bull of the Woods or nearby. One was about a quarter mile from me, along the ridge which continues to the east from Big Slide Mtn. It looked like it had been burning on the south-facing slope, which was still producing a lot of smoke, and had come up to the top of the ridge. I couldn't actually see any fire, but could hear it burning on the ground. Also two smaller smoke columns maybe 1/2 mile north of there on the west facing slopes. And quite a bit of smoke from somewhere near the upper Collawash or lower Elk Lake Creek. More smoke columns in the distance several ridges to the south.

While I was up there, a small plane was flying around observing all the smoke columns. Followed by a helicopter making numerous passes through the area the rest of the afternoon. So I assume that the FS is informed of these fires.

No doubt this wet weather will keep these fires from spreading for a while at least.

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







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I just looked at the Willamette National Forest homepage, and there is a link to current fires started by the recent lightning storms, and it is impressive. Lots of them in the Idanha & Marion Forks areas, and lots in the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness. I'd imagine most of them are small, and most probably "low risk", especially with the recent deluge of rain.

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