



Buildings wrapped at Bagby Hot Springs.



Bull Complex Fire Update

Monday, 23 August 2021

Cooler temperatures minimized fire growth yesterday on the Bull Complex Fire and unseasonably cooler temperatures are forecast to remain over the fire area again today. Temperatures are expected to increase and normalize starting Tuesday through Friday, possibly increasing fire behavior and visible smoke. The fire is still smoldering, moving along the ground and burning in low brushes and small trees.

Fire started by lightning on August 2. Has grown to 6,672 acres. Four helicopters, 17 engines, 10 crews, 456 total personnel, 32 pieces of heavy equipment.

Firefighters are working to remove vegetation with heavy equipment and chainsaws to prepare existing roads (Forest Roads 6580, 6355, 4696, and 70) to use as containment lines. In future days, if conditions are appropriate, firefighters may intentionally burn vegetation (known as a burn out) along these roads to remove fuel between the roads and main fire, thereby slowing the main fire's progress towards the desired containment lines. Pumps and hoses are also being installed to support potential future burn outs. Initiating a burn out is highly dependent upon favorable weather conditions

and available resources, and this incident is competing for resources with multiple other large fires across the region.

containment focus area. Because of steep and rocky terrain, combined with large areas of overgrown vegetation, the fire is in a difficult area for firefighters to safely work directly along the fire's perimeter. Given potential for continued fire growth, Mt. Hood National Forest is closely engaged with both the Willamette National Forest and Oregon Department of Forestry.

Closures: For the safety of wildland firefighters and the public, the Mt. Hood National Forest has enacted an area closure that prevents the public from going into or being upon National Forest System lands in the vicinity of

The south end of the fire, closest to Detroit and the Breitenbush Hot Springs, is the current priority con-

the Bull Complex where uncontrolled fire and fire suppression activities are occurring. All National Forest System lands that are south and west of Forest Road 46, north of the Forest's administrative boundary with the Willamette National Forest, and east of the Riverside Fire perimeter. The entire length of National Forest Road 46 is closed. See the full closure order and map at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/closures/7773/>. The Willamette National Forest lands within the 2020 Lionshead and Beachie Fire areas are also closed.

Contractors approved by the Forest Service are allowed through the closure order, as are vendors and others working on recovery efforts related to the 2020 area fires. Breitenbush Hot Springs Resort is open; however, residents and guests will have to pass through a roadblock on NFR 46 and will be asked to show identification or proof of destination.

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