

Great Basin Type 2 Incident Management Team #4



Bull Complex Fire Update

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<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7773/>

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Start Date	Cause	Size (acres)	Percent Containment	Helicopters	Engines	Crews	Heavy Equipment	Total Personnel
8/2	Lightning	7,464	0%	4	18	9	26	463

Slightly drier, yet normal weather conditions yesterday allowed firefighters assigned to the Bull Complex to narrow the gap between the main fire and the containment lines along the 4696 Road, using small fires set by aviation resources to bring the main fire closer to constructed containment lines. Current actions are designed to create a starting point for crews to engage the fire's edge from safer locations to work. The fire actively burned on all sides, mainly through surface-level vegetation, and made short uphill runs in the timber on the northeast corner in Ogre Creek drainage Tuesday. Firefighters used and will continue using helicopters to keep the fire's growth in check by dropping water on areas gaining intensity.

Three more hand crews are expected to arrive today and will engage in firefighting efforts upon arrival. Heavy equipment on site will continue removing hazardous amounts of vegetation to build and strengthen existing containment lines away from the main fire (indirect actions).

Indirect actions are actions taken at a distance away from the main fire. Indirect containment lines allow firefighters to engage the fire more safely, using natural features, such as ridges or waterways, and manmade clearings, such as roads. As the fire grows towards these containment lines, firefighters may ignite vegetation (known as a burn out) along the containment lines that will burn into the main fire but with less intensity.

Weather conditions are expected to moderate again today through Friday and to bring cooler temperatures and higher humidity. Another warming and drying trend is forecast for the weekend. Increased smoke is expected to be visible today and residents are likely to see morning smoke inversions daily. For additional information on air quality and related health concerns, visit <https://fire.airnow.gov/> and <https://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com/>.

Closures: For the safety of wildland firefighters and the public, the National Forests have enacted area closures that prevent the public from being upon National Forest System lands in the vicinity of 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, and east of the Riverside Fire perimeter. The entire length of National Forest Road 46 is closed. The lands within the 2020 Lionshead and Beachie Fire areas are also closed. See the closure orders and maps at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/closures/7773/>.

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, reservations are required to pass through a roadblock on NFR 46.

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