

# 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	7,774	0%	5	20	10	26	530

Yesterday, the Bull Complex grew approximately 300 acres. It is progressing in a slow and steady manner, which allows fire managers time to develop and implement plans for containment in areas where the probability of success is higher and it will be safer for firefighters to work along the fire perimeter.

On the southwestern portion of the fire perimeter, near the headwaters of Humbug Creek, firefighters continue to light small strategic fires parallel to the main fire to lower intensity and slow the fire's progress towards desired containment lines along the ridge that divides the Mt. Hood and Willamette National Forests. The fire is approaching these containment lines. Once firefighters gain some containment here, they will be able to start working both east and west along constructed firelines. On the northeastern corner, between Ogre and Dunno Creeks, firefighters are relying on previous fire areas (including the 2017 Jazz Fire) to slow fire growth.

The western edge of the fire is the most challenging for firefighters to safely take action. Fire managers continue to assess roads, natural features, and additional recently burned areas (including the 2020 Beachie Fire) outside the wilderness that are suitable for containment lines and to improve them by removing vegetation. These plans are being coordinated with both National Forests and Oregon Department of Forestry, along with other local officials.

Morning smoke inversions limited the use of aviation resources until the early afternoon. Although west winds picked up in the afternoon, they also brought increased relative humidity and lowered temperatures. Today is expected to be even cooler with relative humidity increasing further. There is little to no chance for precipitation over the fire area. This trend will continue tomorrow. Then Saturday and Sunday are expected to warm again.

**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 through a permit system 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.

**Smoke:** For information on air quality and related health concerns, visit <https://fire.airnow.gov/> or <https://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com/>.

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