

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	8,548	0%	5	20	11	25	554

Yesterday, the Bull Complex grew approximately 774 acres. It's burning closer to constructed containment lines on the south end of the fire, along Forest Road 4696 and Elk Lake Creek where firefighters have been creating multiple strategic locations to intercept the main fire when it reaches them. Experienced fire crews, unmanned aircraft and helicopters have strategically burned small areas between the main fire and containment lines over past few days to remove fuel ahead of the main fire. The south end of the fire is where firefighters are focused most to establish access into the fire's edge.

Within the 43 total miles of fire perimeter, significant portions of the fire's perimeter are currently difficult to access and present multiple safety hazards for ground forces. Hazards include steep and rugged terrain, large rolling rocks and logs, high densities of heavy timber and dead trees. Nationally, falling trees remain one of highest causes of firefighter deaths and injury in the wildland fire service. Additionally, adequate and safe ingress and egress routes are minimal, making it difficult for firefighters to rapidly move if the fire were to threaten their location.

On the north, east, and west sides of the fire, the fire is burning slow and steady while it moves closer to the 2020 Beachie Creek and Lionshead Fire burn areas that lack available fuels and roads being widened and brushed-out by heavy equipment, wood-chippers, and chainsaw teams. These indirect lines, occurring away from the fire's edge, will eventually increase the probability of success and will be safer for firefighters working along the fire perimeter when the main fire reaches those locations in future days.

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 Forest lands that are south and west of Forest Road 46, and east of the Riverside Fire perimeter are closed. The entire length of Forest Road 46 is closed. The lands within the 2020 Lionshead and Beachie Creek 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 Forest Road 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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