

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	10,370	3%	5	17	12	28	546

Yesterday, the Bull Complex grew just under 1,000 acres as temperatures reached into the mid-80s and relative humidity dropped to the high teens. The fire was mainly active to the west and south, burning uphill in the Elk Lake Creek and Mother Lode Creek drainages. It is burning rapidly through the 2011 Mother Lode Fire area, consuming the large dead and down material which is much drier than the live timber stands. The fire is nearing the border of the Willamette National Forest. There are no evacuation warnings or orders at this time. Fire managers are in continuous communication with Marion County officials to ensure that safe and timely evacuations occur should they become necessary.

On the eastern side of the fire, firefighters continue to improve their pre-identified containment lines and successfully prevent additional spread to the east and north. They did ignite vegetation along their firelines in the northeast corner to slowly connect it to the main fire. They will continue to monitor the fire perimeter in that area to ensure it does not cross the lines so they can call that section contained. However, the overall percentage may not increase drastically given the amount of growth that has occurred on the southwestern side of the fire. Firelines are also holding on the southeastern corner, where additional tactical fires have been used to reduce the intensity of the main fire and limit spread beyond the containment lines.

Winds shifted to the west overnight, dropping temperatures and raising humidity. The fire should be less active today under these conditions. Smoke is expected to be heavy in the valleys again this morning but will lift in the afternoon with light winds continuing from the west. Tomorrow's weather will also be cooler. Wednesday and Thursday, light eastern winds return, bringing another warm and dry period.

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. 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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