

Great Basin Type 2 Incident Management Team #4



Bull Complex Fire Update

Friday, 3 September 2021

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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	13,194	7%	5	17	13	27	568

Temperatures warmed into the 70s yesterday afternoon and relative humidity dropped to the high teens. The Bull Complex became very active, increasing 1,864 acres, the largest single growth day for the fire. Additional containment has been achieved on the northern edge, at the confluence of the Collawash River and Elk Lake Creek, and on the southern edge, along the ridgeline at the top of Humbug Creek. Fire activity is likely to increase even more today, as conditions will remain warm and dry. The amount of heavy vegetation burned in the fire produces large volumes of smoke which is likely to linger in the surrounding valleys in the morning.

Yesterday, light easterly winds allowed firefighters to complete tactical burnouts on the eastern side of the fire, along Rhododendron Ridge. The fire then moved slowly, under desirable conditions, towards the main fire at a reduced intensity. This will achieve containment of the eastern edge more effectively and safely for firefighters. Helicopters supported that work and also dropped water to slow fire progress in key areas, such as near lookouts in the area. There has been no reported damage to either Hawk Mountain and Bull of the Woods Lookouts.

Once the fire reaches any fire scars from 2020, fire activity and intensity will be greatly reduced as the severity of those fires leaves minimal vegetation for the fire to spread through. As a result, there is very little probability that the Bull Complex will cause any impacts to Detroit.

Today will be the last shift for Great Basin Team #4. A Type 2 Incident Management Team from the Northern Rockies will assume command of the fire tomorrow morning. Fire updates from the incoming Team will continue on all the same forums and contact information will remain the same.

Evacuations: Marion County Sheriff has issued a Level 1 "Be Ready" evacuation advisory only for Breitenbush Hot Springs. Residents should be aware of the danger that exists in their area, monitor emergency services websites and local media, and make an action plan should the evacuation level rise. The advisory can be viewed at: <https://www.flashalert.net/id/MarionSheriff?alert=1>.

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. If the fire continues to grow to the south, some operations may be put on hold.

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

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