

# 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	11,330	4%	5	17	14	27	589

Size increase on the Bull Complex yesterday was approximately 360 acres. Overnight the winds shifted to east/northeast direction. They will remain light, with gusts into the low teens. Heavy smoke from the Bull Complex is likely to continue as the fire consumes heavy dead and down vegetation in the fire scar left from the 2011 Mother Lode Fire on the west side. For the past three days, the fire has progressed slowly up the Mother Lode, Battle, and Elk Lake Creek drainages. With a shift to east winds, fire activity is likely to increase in those areas. Helicopters will continue to drop water on the fire to slow growth and protect the historic lookouts in the area.

Last night, firefighters began igniting tactical burnouts adjacent to Forest Road 6350, along Rhododendron Ridge. They are taking advantage of the easterly winds that are pushing their fires into the main fire at a lower intensity. This is being done as part of careful planning based on the fire's location, the weather conditions, and the resources assigned to the incident. It allows firefighters to contain the eastern perimeter in a safe and effective manner. As a result of these burnouts, additional smoke should be expected. It may settle into surrounding valleys overnight.

Tomorrow is forecast to be even warmer and drier than today, and increased fire activity and smoke should be anticipated. Any changes to closures or evacuations will be immediately communicated through local officials and all information formats. 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.

**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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