



FIRE UPDATE



BATTLE MOUNTAIN COMPLEX
July 19, 2024

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ODF Incident Management Team 3 takes command of the Battle Mountain Complex as fires grow to 1,786 acres

UKIAH, Ore. – The Oregon Department of Forestry’s Incident Management Team 3 took command of the Battle Mountain Complex today, Friday, July 19, at 6 a.m.

Today, crews will focus on holding the fire to keep it as small as possible, while fighting the fire as safely as possible to minimize damage and protect local communities.

The Battle Mountain Complex currently consists of the 930-acre North Fork Owens Fire and the 856-acre Snake Fire. When multiple wildfires are burning in the same general area, officials will designate a fire complex to manage them under a single organization to improve efficiency and simplify incident management processes.

The North Fork Owens and Snake Fires are two of 17 fires in northeast Oregon that started in the late afternoon and evening of July 17, 2024, as a result of the recent lightning event.

Closures: A road closure remains in effect for Highway 395, between mile posts 50 through 90, beginning 35 miles South of Pilot Rock.

Evacuations: Level 1 (Be Ready) , Level 2 (Be Set) and Level 3 (Go Now) evacuations are in effect. For updated evacuation information, visit the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office Facebook page, www.facebook.com/UmatillaCountySheriff, or sign up for the Umatilla County Emergency Alert System at <https://member.everbridge.net/index/2590041373147145>.

ODF’s Northeast Oregon District is currently in Extreme (red) fire danger and there are additional restrictions for industrial forest operations on lands protected by the Oregon Department of Forestry in Northeast Oregon. Current fire restrictions for forestlands in Northeast Oregon can be found at www.bmidc.org or by calling the Northeast Oregon Fire Prevention line: (541) 975-3027.

For current fire info, go to <http://bluemountainfireinfo.blogspot.com/>
ODF NEO Facebook: www.facebook.com/oregondeptofforestryNEO/.
To report a fire, call Blue Mountain Interagency Dispatch at (541) 963-7171 or dial 9-1-1.

FIRE AT A GLANCE

Estimated Size: 1,786 acres

Containment: 0%

Cause: Under Investigation

Estimated Cost: \$250,000

Evacuations

www.facebook.com/UmatillaCountySheriff

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Road Closures

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Fire Restrictions

www.bmidc.org

All Resources

Hand Crews: 2

Engines: 14

Water Tenders: 4

Dozers: 6

Helicopters: 7

Incident Commander:

Tyler McCarty
Oregon Department of Forestry
Incident Management Team 3