



FIRE UPDATE



BATTLE MOUNTAIN COMPLEX
Evening Update: July 22, 2024

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Firefighters holding strong amid challenging weather

UKIAH, Ore. – Morning operations were challenged by thick smoke and limited visibility, which changed abruptly in the afternoon when the inversion layer lifted and brought high temperatures and wind gusts. That combination increased fire behavior, testing lines and producing several multi-acre spot fires.

On the Snake Fire, firefighters caught a fire that spotted across Camas Creek and Highway 395. Helicopters slowed the fires rate of spread quickly enough for hand crews to line the fire.

Crews were able to hold the southeast corner of the Snake Fire and construct contingency lines. They tied in and improved the dozer line to the south completely across to the Monkey Creek Fire. They also scouted to the north of both fires for a location to construct a similar dozer line to box in the fires. Within the river corridor, firefighters focused on structure protection and creating defensible space around homes.

In other portions of the fire, crews constructed and improved dozer and handlines as directly and safely as possible. Officials expect additional resources in the coming days to bolster capacity.

On the 3,887-acre North Fork Owens Fire, crews continued mop-up operations, bringing containment up to 20% (the complex stands at 3% containment). Crews will continue mop-up operations and patrolling the perimeter.

Firefighters still face critical fire weather in the region and heavy smoke is making it difficult for helicopters to access some portions of the fire. In addition to the smoke from this complex, the area is inundated with smoke from fires across the region.

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 information, visit:

- For Umatilla County, follow [facebook.com/UmatillaCountySheriff](https://www.facebook.com/UmatillaCountySheriff) or sign up for Umatilla County Emergency Alert System at <https://member.everbridge.net/index/2590041373147145>.
- For Grant County, visit the [RAPTOR arcgis site](#) or sign up for alerts at: <https://member.everbridge.net/index/825462649520134>.

FIRE AT A GLANCE

Total Estimated Size: 43,067 acres
 Monkey Creek: 25,030
 North Fork Owens: 4,480 acres
 Snake: 13,557 acres
 Containment: 3%
 Cause: Under Investigation
 Estimated Cost: \$2,500,000

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Fire Restrictions

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All Resources

Hand Crews:	17
Engines:	38
Water Tenders:	15
Dozers:	10
Helicopters:	6
Total Personnel:	654

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