



Badlands Complex Fire Update

July 25, 2024

Rocky Mountain Area Complex Incident Management Team Two

Jared Hohn, Incident Commander

Current Situation:

- The Rocky Mountain Area Complex Incident Management Team Two assumed command of the Badlands Complex at 6:00 a.m. Pacific Time today.
- The Badlands Complex is composed of 12 lightning strike fires. The three largest of these are the Thompson, Coyote, and Powder fires, which are being managed for full suppression. The complex is 0% contained, encompassing a total of approximately 23,600 acres.
- The fires have shown active fire behavior, with wind-driven runs in continuous grass and brush fuels, and in the timber understory in the higher elevations.
- Firefighters will continue to use direct and indirect line construction to flank and secure the fire's edge. Aviation assets will be used to check the fire's progression. Crews will work to protect structures in Plano Rd, Sisley Creek, and Dry Creek.
- A combination of private, state, and federal firefighters are working together to suppress the Badlands Complex.

Evacuations: Baker County Sheriff's Office has issued Level 1, 2, and 3 evacuation orders for multiple areas of the fire. Learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064434892363>. A temporary evacuation shelter has been established at the Baker City Church of the Nazarene Family Life Center located at 1250 Hughes Lane. For questions about the temporary shelter, please contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767. Sign up for Baker County emergency alerts at <https://public.alertsense.com/SignUp/publicUser.aspx?regionid=1357>

Closures: Check for highway closures at <https://www.tripcheck.com/DynamicReports/Report/RoadConditions>. All BLM Vale District Recreation Sites along the Snake River between Oxbow and Huntington and on Lookout Mountain are closed. This includes Spring Recreation Site, Swedes Landing, and Bassar Diggins Campground.

Fire Restrictions: Fire Restrictions are in effect. Get details at <https://www.blm.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2024-07/orwa-fpo-val-071024.pdf>.

Weather & Smoke Information: Weather is expected to be 15 to 20 degrees cooler for the next several days, with high temperatures in the 80s over the fire area. Relative humidity will be somewhat higher than it has been recently, bottoming out around 25%. Northwest winds of 9 – 13 miles per hour may gust to 24 mph.

An air quality advisory is in effect for Baker County due to heavy concentrations of wildfire smoke. For current Oregon air quality conditions, please visit <https://oraqi.deq.state.or.us/home/map>.

Temporary Flight Restrictions: A temporary flight restriction (TFR) is in effect over the fire area to provide a safe environment for firefighting aircraft operations. View a map of the TFR and details at https://tfr.faa.gov/save_pages/detail_4_7614.html. Fire aviation response is halted or delayed if an unauthorized aircraft enters the TFR. Temporary flight restrictions also apply to unmanned aircraft systems or drones. If you fly, we can't! Learn more about how to use drones safely and responsibly at [Home - Know Before You Fly](#).

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