



Badlands Complex Fire Update

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Rocky Mountain Area Complex Incident Management Team Two

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Current Situation:

- The Badlands Complex has grown to 51,589 acres and is 0% contained with 179 personnel assigned.
- Crews are taking advantage of cooler weather to aggressively engage the fires, using both direct and indirect tactics that have the highest probability of success. Additional resources are arriving on the fire and continue to relieve local resources. Three single engine air tankers modified for firefighting have been assigned to the fire. Nationally, there is a high level of fire activity demanding a limited supply of shared interagency firefighting resources.
- On the Powder fire, firefighters continue to patrol, to address lingering areas of heat and are mopping up.
- The Coyote fire is naturally filling in pockets of unburned fuel and moved up against the Snake River.
- On the Thompson fire, firefighters continue to work aggressively to secure the fire's edge and actively monitor the southwest edge while protecting structures. Crews continued to work toward the northeast flank of the fire, where the terrain remains steep and rough, and the fuels are changing from grass and flashy fuels to mixed conifers. On the north and west sides of the fire, crews reinforced yesterday's work. Additional engines and dozers arrived on the fire and are supporting both sides of the fire. The Gila hotshot crew is working on the fire's east side in timber with the support of helicopter bucket drops.
- Hotter weather is predicted for next week, which is expected to increase fire behavior.

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 increasingly cloudy with gusty evening winds up to 35 mph after 8 pm.

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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