



Badland Complex Fire Update

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Rocky Mountain Area Complex Incident Management Team Two

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RMCIMT 2 transitions tonight at 8 pm to a local type 4 organization.

Current Situation:

- The Badland Complex is 99% contained at 54,563 acres, with 245 personnel assigned. The Thompson Fire is holding at 31,557 acres and is now 99% contained. The Coyote, Powder, Chalk, Sheep Mountain, Daly, and Crandall Fires are all 100% contained.
- The fires of the Badland Complex have been tested by gusty outflow winds over the past couple of days, as thunderstorm activity passed through the area, with no active fire behavior that threatened fire perimeters. As time goes on, the likelihood of this threat is diminished.
- Yesterday, containment was established along the northern perimeter of Thompson Fire in Division A except for one mile of uncontained line. The southern perimeter in Division W is completely contained. Today, resources in both divisions will patrol for any increase in fire behavior, ready for initial attack in case of new fires.
- Crews assigned to Division R on the Coyote Fire will patrol for any increase in fire behavior and be prepared for initial attack on any new ignitions.
- In Division E, assigned resources will patrol the Powder Fire while repairing some of the resource damage caused by suppression activities, as provided for in the delegation of authority.
- Rocky Mountain Complex Incident Management Team 2 will transfer command of the Badland Complex at 8:00 p.m. tonight to local control under a type 4 organization. The type 4 team is composed of diversely qualified resources who have been working the Badland Complex and are familiar with its specific issues, concerns, and complexities.
- A complement of engines and other equipment will remain assigned to the complex to support suppression repair, completion of containment on the Thompson Fire, and to support future initial attack efforts with continued dry conditions. One type 1 helicopter is available out of Baker City to support area fires today.

Weather: Today's weather will start out mostly sunny, followed by a few scattered afternoon thunderstorms with a passing cold front. Lightning and gusty, outflow winds remain the greatest threat from passing storms. Southwest winds will usher in slightly warmer, drier conditions, shifting northwesterly in the evening with gusts to 25 miles per hour, diminishing before midnight. Tuesday through Thursday, mostly sunny conditions persist, with temperatures slightly above normal and dry. Increased clouds in the afternoons and breezy, northwest, evening winds can be expected.

Smoke Information: Air quality impacts are expected to continue to be a factor as smoke from regional fires are transported in on prevailing winds. For current Oregon air quality conditions, please visit <https://oraqi.deq.state.or.us/home/map>.

Evacuations: Evacuations have remained unchanged since 7/30/2024. Learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064434892363>. 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>.

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>.

Temporary Flight Restrictions: A temporary flight restriction (TFR) has been updated. 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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