



# FIRE UPDATE



BATTLE MOUNTAIN COMPLEX  
Update: August 2, 2024

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## **Progress continues on the Battle Mountain Complex, firefighters prepare for Red Flag Conditions**

UKIAH, Ore. – Firefighters continue to make strides holding lines and building containment on the Battle Mountain Complex as they prepare for rising temperatures and Red Flag Conditions today.

Temperatures have been rising steadily and are expected to crest 100 degrees today. Fire officials also expect wind gusts up to 20 miles per hour in addition to limited visibility from smoke from other fires in the region. High temperatures are expected to persist through next week with lightning possible this weekend.

Today, firefighters will focus on gaining mop-up depth and cooling materials deeper from the perimeter along the entire fire. As temperatures rise, mop up helps ensure that any reheated or ignited materials can't escape the fire perimeter.

In Zone I, crews continue mopping up around structures and extending containment. Firefighters will continue mopping up along the southeast corner of the Monkey Creek fire near Monument. They're also focused on securing containment along the north.

In Zone II, firefighters are focused on the north-central region between Ditch Creek and the Potamus drainage as they look to bring the fire to control features where they can stop the fire.

Residents should continue to expect to see smoke in the interior and the unburnt island within the fire perimeter as unburnt vegetation burns well within the fire's footprint. Crews will continue to patrol the fire's perimeter, including portions considered contained.

Oregon Department of Forestry Incident Management Team 1 will transfer command of the Monkey Creek Fire to ODF Incident Management Team 3 tonight at 6:00 pm. This will put Team 3 in command of the entire fire.

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## **FIRE AT A GLANCE**

Total Estimated Complex Size:  
179,080 acres  
Monkey Creek Fire: 174,596  
North Fork Owens: 4,484 acres  
Total Containment 23%  
Cause: Under Investigation  
Estimated Cost: \$36,299,415

### **County Evacuations**

Umatilla: [Alerts](#) [Facebook](#)  
Grant: [Alerts](#) [RAPTOR GIS](#)  
Morrow: [RAPTOR GIS](#)

### **Road Closures**

For road closures, visit:  
<https://www.tripcheck.com>

### **Public Land Closures**

See page 2 for closures.

### **Fire Restrictions**

[www.bmidc.org](http://www.bmidc.org)

### **All Resources**

Hand Crews:	65
Engines:	81
Water Tenders:	39
Dozers:	28
Helicopters:	6
Total Personnel:	2,029

### **ODF Incident Commanders:**

Joe Hessel  
Incident Management Team 1  
Battle Mountain Complex Zone I

Tyler McCarty  
Incident Management Team 3  
Battle Mountain Complex Zone II

**Evacuations:** Learn more about current evacuation levels for each county at:

- For Umatilla County, follow [www.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>.
- For Morrow County, visit <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/de78333b0d2544f7a320142174aa20ae>

**Public Land Closures:**

The Bureau of Land Management has closed public lands along the John Day River from Kimberly to Dale, and from Kimberly to Service Creek. More information here: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/oregon-washington/fire-restrictions>.

The Umatilla National Forest has implemented a closure for public lands within the Heppner Ranger District and the North Fork John Day Ranger District. More information at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/umatilla/news-events/?cid=FSEPRD1194462> and <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/umatilla/alerts-notice/?cid=stelprdb5286768>.