



Southwest Area

Incident Management Team
TEAM 3 – MATT RAU – INCIDENT COMMANDER



Rain provides relief over much of the fire area Daily Update: August 16, 2024

Total Complex Estimated Acres: 183,026

Location: Ukiah, Oregon

Personnel: 865

Estimated Cost: \$71 million

Resources: 13 crews | 20 engines | 1 helicopters | 23 water tenders | 15 dozers

Cause: Under Investigation

Containment: 94%

Operations: The northern half of the fire received a quarter to a half inch of rain yesterday in many of the drainages that have been smoldering. Firefighters continued to work on repairing any impacts from the suppression effort across the entire fire. The group working on back-up firelines around Penland Lake also continued removing trees, brush and other vegetation.

On the northern side of the fire, crews are focused on repairing handlines. Southwest of Dale, crews worked with chippers to remove brush that was cut along roadsides. There is still some dozer line repair happening on the southern side of the fire. On the western edge, excavators continue to make progress repairing the lines by scattering brush to prevent potential erosion.

As the fire is nearly fully contained equipment and firefighters are leaving the incident. Firefighters will rehab their gear, rest and get ready to respond to other fires. As equipment is no longer needed or is being moved to other areas of the fire to complete repair work, the public may see trailers and trucks parked along roadsides.

Weather: After several rounds of rain and thunderstorms yesterday, today will be mostly sunny. An isolated late afternoon thunderstorm or shower is possible. The weekend will be mostly clear with a few clouds on Monday. An isolated shower or thunderstorm is possible on Saturday afternoon, but generally there will not be widespread rain. Highs around 80 to mid-90s.

Smoke: Smoke has moderated but is expected to persist from regional fires in the area. Residents can expect to continue to see smoke from interior pockets of unburned fuel. To see a detailed smoke outlook visit: <https://linktr.ee/battlemntcomplex2024>

Public Land Closures: Both the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service have either rescinded or reduced closure orders for public lands. Visit <https://linktr.ee/battlemntcomplex2024> for more information.

Road closures and fire restrictions: <https://linktr.ee/battlemntcomplex2024>

Grant, Morrow and Umatilla County Evacuations: Counties have changed evacuation statuses. For more information visit <https://linktr.ee/battlemntcomplex2024>

Phone Number: 541-612-0744 (staffed 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.)

Inciweb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/or97s-battle-mountain-complex>

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