



Southwest Area
Incident Management Team
TEAM 3 – MATT RAU – INCIDENT COMMANDER



Firefighters moving out of Long Creek camp
Daily Update: August 18, 2024

Total Complex Estimated Acres: 183,026

Location: Ukiah, Oregon

Personnel: 748

Estimated Cost: \$77 million

Resources: 10 crews | 15 engines | 1 helicopter | 21 water tenders | 13 dozers

Cause: Under Investigation

Containment: 94%

Operations: Equipment and crews continue building erosion control features on dozer and hand lines. Where available, cut brush is being dragged on top of firelines to prevent erosion and allow vegetation to regrow. As repair work is finished it is inspected by local agencies. North of the fire, equipment operators continue removing brush and trees along roads. The goal is still to leave areas fully repaired and follow through with the back-up firelines around Penland Lake that were started during the height of suppression.

The remainder of the Long Creek fire camp will be dismantled today. Firefighters working from Long Creek will relocate to Ukiah. Others will leave the incident to travel home. As crews and equipment are leaving the incident, residents may see increased traffic over the next several days. Use caution when driving especially on blind curves where lowboy trailers may be traveling.

There is still high fire danger in the area. Fuels remain dry, and any new fire starts have the potential for rapid growth. Firefighters assigned to the Battle Mountain Complex are ready to respond to any new fires in the area, but residents should be aware of local fire restrictions.

Weather: Today is expected to be mostly sunny with little chance of rain or thunderstorms. Temperatures will be in the high 70s to low 90s. Winds will be light and variable for the southwest in the morning before increasing from the northwest late afternoon. Humidities are expected to continue increasing during the nights, reducing any remaining fire activity.

Smoke: Smoke has moderated but is expected to persist from regional fires in the area. Residents may see smoldering from interior pockets of unburned fuel or haze from other fires in the region. 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Public Land Closures: Both the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service have either rescinded or reduced closure orders for public lands.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: All evacuation statuses have been removed.

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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