



## Southwest Area

Incident Management Team  
TEAM 3 – MATT RAU – INCIDENT COMMANDER



### New incident management team arrives today Daily Update: August 19, 2024

**Total Complex Estimated Acres:** 183,026

**Location:** Ukiah, Oregon

**Personnel:** 615

**Estimated Cost:** \$79 million

**Resources:** 9 crews | 14 engines | 1 helicopter | 21 water tenders | 18 dozers

**Cause:** Under Investigation

**Containment:** 94%

**Operations:** An incoming Type 3 management organization will arrive today. They will assume responsibility of the Battle Mountain Complex tomorrow. Today, the new fire management team will shadow the outgoing Southwest Area Incident Management Team to ensure a seamless transition. Tuesday, August 20, 2024 will be the final fire update from the Southwest Incident Management Team.

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.

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:** Mostly sunny today with increasing clouds in the afternoon. Highs around 80 to around 90 with afternoon humidity 15-25%. West-southwest winds in the morning becoming west-northwest in the afternoon 7-10 mph with gusts 15-25 mph.

**Smoke:** Smoke outlooks have stopped being issued for this fire. To view all currently issued Outlooks, go here: <https://fire.airnow.gov/>

**Public Land Closures:** Both the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service have either rescinded or reduced closure orders for public lands.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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