

California Incident Management Team



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Containment climbs to 43% in Bingham Fire Daily Update: October 8, 2024

Fire Information Phone: 503-854-3366 (8 a.m.-8 p.m.)

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Acres: 199 Containment: 43%

Location: Areas of the Mount Jefferson Wilderness, east of Marion Forks.

Start Date: September 30,2024 Personnel: 334

Resources: 9 crews | 12 engines | 1 bulldozer | 2 water tenders | 2 excavators

Highlights: Containment of the Bingham Fire continued to grow, reaching 43 percent today. The fire also grew slightly to 199 acres from 183 acres previously. The increased containment was achieved along more segments of the northern and southern perimeters of the fire, as well new containment around its eastern end.

Firefighters will focus efforts today widening containment lines and extinguishing sources of heat farther into fire's interior.

Crews also will continue building contingency containment lines near and around the community of Marion Forks, which is situated about 2 miles northwest of the fire's western boundary. Work will include removing dead or hazardous trees along forest roads that could block access or escape or even cause injury to homeowners or other motorists visiting the area.

Evacuations: LEVEL 3: GO NOW! evacuation alerts have been issued by the Linn County Sheriff's Office for a large area of the Mount Jefferson Wilderness. Additionally, LEVEL 2: GET SET evacuation alerts have been issued for the area around Marion Forks Campground and Marion Forks Fish Hatchery. The Level 2 evacuation area also extends along Highway 22, to a ½-mile west of Highway 22, from Pamelia Road (NFS Road 2246) south to Parrish Lake Road (NFS Road 2266). Please refer to the Linn County Wildfire Map for more information: https://tinyurl.com/LinnCoFireMap. Highway 22 remains open at this time.

The Willamette National Forest issued a closure order Oct. 4 within the same footprint as the Level 3 evacuation zone. Details of the closure order can be found here: https://tinyurl.com/26jpr9a6. The Pacific Crest Trail through the Mount Jefferson Wilderness is expected to remain open. Trails and roads west of the highway are closed from Pamelia to the Big Meadows Loop/Turpentine Loop area. With hunting season started, Forest Service staff will work with the Linn County Sheriff's Office to reduce closure areas as soon as it is safe to do so.

Weather: Temperatures have cooled to the mid-60s and are accompanied by higher humidity. A chance of rain is forecast for Wednesday.