



Containment lines withstand first sustained wind shift Daily Update: October 11, 2024

Fire Information Phone: 503-854-3366 (8 a.m.-8 p.m.) Email: 2024.Bingham@firenet.gov

Acres: 199 Containment: 75%

Location: Areas of the Mount Jefferson Wilderness, east of Marion Forks.Start Date: September 30,2024Personnel: 354Resources: 10 crews | 1 engine | 1 bulldozer | 3 water tenders | 2 masticators

Highlights: Since the Bingham Fire's start Sept. 30, it has mostly experienced westerly winds, pushing the fire eastward and away from the nearby Marion Forks community and fish hatchery. Firefighters' efforts were tested Thursday, Oct. 10, with the first sustained winds coming out of the east.

Containment lines held, and the fire stayed within its 199-acre footprint. Meanwhile, overall containment of the fire grew to 75 percent.

Easterly winds are again forecast today between 5 to 10 miles an hour, with gusts up to 20 miles an hour. Crews will patrol containment lines and continue extinguishing isolated hot spots within the interior.

Firefighters completed contingency containment lines around the community of Marion Forks. Motorists are advised to be mindful of increased traffic in the area as firefighters begin removing equipment.

Evacuations: The Linn County Sheriff's Office has reduced the size of LEVEL 3: GO NOW! evacuation areas Oct. 10, converting them to LEVEL 2: GET SET evacuation alerts. The Level 2 evacuation area 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: <u>https://tinyurl.com/LinnCoFireMap</u>. Highway 22 remains open.

The Willamette National Forest also reduced its closure area Oct. 10 within the same footprint as the county's Level 3 evacuation zone. Details of the closure order can be found here: https://tinyurl.com/2y4sacl8. The Pacific Crest Trail through the Mount Jefferson Wilderness remains open. Impacted trails include Bingham Ridge Trail, Independence Rock Trail, Marion Lake Trail and Lake of the Woods Trail. 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: Drier winds out of the east continue today and possibly into Saturday. Temperatures are expected to rise into the lower to mid-60s, with a 20 percent chance of light rain Saturday.