



California Incident Management Team

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Firefighters begin suppression repair; motorists advised of increasing traffic Daily Update: October 12, 2024

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

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Acres: 199 **Containment:** 92%

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

Start Date: September 30, 2024 **Personnel:** 250

Resources: 9 crews | 1 engine | 1 bulldozer | 3 water tenders | 1 excavator

Highlights: After a second day of easterly winds, the Bingham Fire stayed at 199 acres Friday, Oct. 11, while containment grew to 92 percent. Crews are splitting time between patrolling containment lines, extinguishing isolated hot spots, and returning the landscape to a more natural state from disturbances caused by firefighting tactics.

In a practice referred to as “suppression repair,” firefighters and heavy equipment operators will, among other things, grade roads and cover or reseed ground disturbances to minimize erosion and promote ground-stabilizing revegetation.

Motorists enjoying the holiday weekend are advised to watch out for firefighting vehicles on and around Highway 22 as firefighters begin removing equipment from the area.

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 Pamela 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.

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: Winds are expected to shift midday today back to a westerly direction as temperatures stay in the upper 50s to lower 60s. A 20 percent chance of light rain is also forecast.