

The largest wildfire in the US has grown about 1,000 acres every hour: July 16, 2021

The Bootleg Fire, the largest wildfire in the United States this year, has scorched more than to 240,000 acres since it first started 10 days ago in southern Oregon, according to the latest report from InciWeb.

That means the blaze has spread around 24,000 acres per day on average, or just over 1,000 acres every single hour. That's an area larger than the area of Central Park each hour, or a rate of a football field burned every 5 seconds for 10 days, CNN meteorologist Brandon Miller said.

The fire, which began July 6 in the Fremont-Winema National Forest and on private lands near the town of Sprague River in Oregon, has charred 241,497 acres and remains just 7% contained, according to InciWeb, the clearinghouse for wildfire information across the country. Communities around Summer Lake and the town of Paisley were being evacuated, officials reported on the Bootleg Fire Facebook Page. Because of "extreme wildfire behavior," crews pulled back early from vulnerable areas and were regrouping, the Facebook page said.

"The Bootleg Fire perimeter is more than 200 miles long. That's an enormous amount of line to build and hold," said Rob Allen, incident commander for the Pacific Northwest Area Incident Management Team 2, in an online update.

The fire has also impacted transmission lines used to import electricity to California, officials said.

"This fire is going to continue to grow -- the extremely dry vegetation and weather are not in our favor," said Joe Hessel, an incident commander for the Oregon Department of Forestry.

Bootleg is one of 10 wildfires currently burning in Oregon, which was recently baked in the historic heatwave that swept across the West.

The fire has destroyed at least 21 homes and put another 2,000 at risk, state fire officials said.

The severity has led California officials to send even more firefighting resources to the state.

"California's latest mutual aid deployment to Oregon comes just a day after the National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group elevated the National Preparedness Level to Level 5 -- its highest level -- due to high fire activity across the country and resources committed to large fires," Gov. Gavin Newsom's office said in a news release. As of Thursday, the United States was grappling with 71 fires and complexes that have burned 993,678 acres so far, according to the National Interagency Fire Center.

In addition to the nation's largest in Oregon, the Log Fire was sparked northeast of The Bootleg Fire and has charred nearly 5,000 acres.

In Washington state, the fast-moving Red Apple Fire in Chelan County that began July 13 has burned 11,000 acres and remains 10% contained, according to Inciweb.

Authorities have placed 1,500 homes are under evacuation notifications, the Chelan County Sheriff's Office said in a news release. Meanwhile, California's Butte County is battling the Dixie Fire, which has grown to 2,200 acres with no containment, according to CAL Fire. Residents there are also under evacuation warnings.

Website: <https://www.cnn.com/2021/07/16/weather/western-us-wildfires/index.html>

National Fire News

Website: <https://www.nifc.gov/fire-information/nfn>

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Currently, 70 wildfires have burned 1,061,516 acres across the United States. More than 17,700 wildland firefighters and support personnel and 32 Type 1 and Type 2 incident management teams are assigned to wildfires. Fire managers prepare for predicted dry thunderstorms across Northern Rockies and the northern portion of the Great Basin.

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Weather

An upper low will remain off the Pacific Northwest coast today with southwest flow aloft for the Northwest and northern Great Basin, and portions of the Northern Rockies. Elevated conditions will continue in the afternoon for the interior Northwest, northern Great Basin, and portions of northern California and Northern Rockies. Isolated dry thunderstorms are possible for east central Idaho into Southwest Montana and northern Wyoming during the afternoon. Scattered wet thunderstorms are likely for Utah, Colorado, southern Wyoming, and the Southwest. Localized flash flooding will remain possible over southeast Arizona and southwest New Mexico. A cold front will move through the eastern Great Lakes and Ohio Valley with locally heavy rain and potential flooding. Temperatures are forecast near average for California and the Northwest, but remain above normal for the Great Basin, Northern Rockies, northern Plains and Great Lakes. Southwest flow is forecast for Alaska with above normal temperatures for the southern and central Interior.

Daily statistics

Number of new large fires or emergency response <i>* New fires are identified with an asterisk</i>	2	States currently reporting large fires:
Number of active large fires <i>Total does not include individual fires within complexes.</i>	70	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Idaho (17) • Montana (12) • Oregon (10) • Arizona (8) • California (7) • Alaska (6) • Washington (4) • Wyoming (2) • New Mexico (1) • Colorado (1) • Utah (1) • Minnesota (1)
Acres from active fires	1,061,516	
Fires contained	3	

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To Get Help

Washington

- United Way 2-1-1: Dial 211 or visit: <https://wa211.org/>
- American Red Cross: 206.323.2345; <http://www.redcross.org/dc/washington>
- Office of Emergency Management Agency: 253.512.7000; <http://mil.wa.gov/emergency-management-division>

Oregon

- United Way 2-1-1: Dial 211 or visit: <https://www.211info.org/>
- American Red Cross: 503.284.1234 or visit: <http://www.redcross.org/local/oregon>
- Office of Emergency Management Agency: <http://www.oregon.gov/omd/oem/Pages/index.aspx>

Idaho

- United Way 2-1-1: Dial 211 or visit: <http://211.idaho.gov/>
- American Red Cross: 208.947.4357 or visit: <http://www.redcross.org/local/idaho>
- Office of Emergency Management Agency: <https://ioem.idaho.gov/>

Minnesota

- Dial 2-1-1 from your service area or visit: <http://www.firstcall211.net/>
- Minnesota Emergency Management: 651.201.7000 or visit: <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem/Pages/default.aspx>
- American Red Cross Minnesota Region: 612.871.7676 or visit: <https://www.redcross.org/local/mn-nd-sd.html>

Wyoming

- United Way 2-1-1: Dial 211 or visit: <https://wy211.communityos.org/>
- American Red Cross: 307.757.3426 or visit: <http://www.redcross.org/local/wyoming>
- Office of Emergency Management Agency: 307.777.4663 or visit: <http://wyohomelandsecurity.state.wy.us/>

Colorado

- United Way 211: Dial 2-1-1 or visit: <http://www.211colorado.org/>
- American Red Cross: 303.722.7474 or visit: <https://www.redcross.org/local/colorado.html>
- Office of Emergency Management: 720.852.6600 or visit: <http://www.coemergency.com/>

Arizona

- Dial 2-1-1 or visit: <http://www.211arizona.org/>
- Arizona Division of Emergency Management: 800.411.2336 or visit: www.dem.azdema.gov/
- American Red Cross: 928.779.5494 or visit: <https://www.redcross.org/local/az-nm/about-us/locations/central-and-northern-arizona.html>

Montana

- United Way 2-1-1: dial 211 or visit: <http://www.montana211.org/search.php>
- American Red Cross: 800.272.6668 or visit: <http://www.redcross.org/local/montana>
- Office of Emergency Management: 406.324.4777 or visit: <http://readyandsafe.mt.gov/emergency>

Utah

- United Way 211: Dial 2-1-1 or visit: <https://211utah.org/>
- American Red Cross: 801.323.7000 or visit: <http://www.redcross.org/local/utah>
- Office of Emergency Management: 801.538.3400 or visit: <https://dem.utah.gov/utah-disaster-history/eoc-activations/>

California

- United Way 2-1-1: Dial 2-1-1 or visit: <https://www.211ca.org>
- American Red Cross: 916.993.7070 or visit: <https://www.redcross.org/local/california/northern-california-coastal.html>
- Office of Emergency Management: 916.657.9494 or visit: <http://www.caloes.ca.gov/home>

Nevada

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- United Way 2-1-1: Dial 211 or visit: <http://www.nevada211.org/>
- American Red Cross: 775.856.1000 or visit: <https://www.redcross.org/local/nevada.html>
- Office of Emergency Management Agency: <http://dem.nv.gov/>

Road Conditions

Call 511: The Department of Transportation offers its free 511 service for travel information and roadway conditions, including road and bridge closures, toll suspensions and major evacuation routes.

Washington Department of Transportation

- <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/>

<http://www.wsdot.com/traffic/trafficalerts/>

Oregon Department of Transportation

- <http://www.oregon.gov/odot/pages/index.aspx>

Idaho Department of Transportation

- <http://itd.idaho.gov/>

Minnesota Department of Transportation

- <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/>

Wyoming Department of Transportation

- <http://www.dot.state.wy.us/home.html>

Colorado Department of Transportation

- <http://www.coloradodot.info/>

Arizona Department of Transportation

- <https://azdot.gov/>

Montana Department of Transportation

- <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/>

Utah Department of Transportation

- <http://www.udot.utah.gov/main/f?p=100:6:0::::V,T:>

California Department of Transportation

- <https://dot.ca.gov/>

Nevada Department of Transportation

- <http://www.nevadadot.com/>

Power Outage

To report an outage, call:

Washington

- Puget Sound Energy: 888.225.5773: <https://www.pse.com/outage/outage-map?srce=menu>
- Pacific Power: 888.221.7070: <https://www.pacificpower.net/outages-safety.html>

Oregon

- Pacific Power: 888.221.7070: <https://www.pacificpower.net/outages-safety.html>
- Portland General Electric Co.: 800.542.8818: <https://www.portlandgeneral.com/outages/outage-map>

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Idaho

- Idaho Power: 800.488.6151: <https://www.idahopower.com/outages/map/>

Minnesota

- Xcel Energy: 800.895.1999: https://www.xcelenergy.com/outages_and_emergencies

Wyoming

- Rocky Mountain Power: 877.508.5088: <https://www.rockymountainpower.net/outages-safety.html>

Colorado

- Xcel Energy: 800.895.4999: <https://www.xcelenergy.com/>

Arizona

- APS: 855.688.2437: <https://outagemap.aps.com/outageviewer/>

Montana

- Northwestern Energy: 888.467.2669

Utah

- Rocky Mountain Power: 877.508.5088: <https://www.rockymountainpower.net/outages-safety.html>

California

- PG&E: 800.743.5000: <https://www.pge.com/>

Nevada

- NV Energy: 702.402.2900: <https://www.nvenergy.com/outages-and-emergencies/view-current-outages>

Airport Closures

Passengers are urged to not come to the local airport unless your flight has been confirmed. If your flight was canceled, please call your airline's customer service telephone number or rebook through your airline's website.

Flight delay information: <http://www.flightstats.com/go/Home/home.do>

Shelters

Shelter Name	County	Address	City	State	Zip	POP
TEP-New Life Christian Fellowship (8a-5p)	MARIPOSA	5089 Cole Road	Mariposa	CA	95345	0
Lassen Community College Gymnasium	LASSEN	478-200 Highway 239	Susanville	CA	96130	18
Echo Hills Church	NEZ PERCE	3215 Echo Hills Drive	Lewiston	ID	83501	0
Cooling Center-Corpus Christi House (M-Sat 9a-4p)	Ada	525 S. Americana Blvd.	Boise	ID	83702	0
Cooling Center-Interfaith Sanctuary (daily 8a-5p)	Ada	1620 River Street	Boise	ID	83702	0
Cooling Center-Pi-Née-Waus Community Center (24 hrs/7	Nez Perce	504 Main Street S	Lapwai	ID	83540	0

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Cooling Center-The Salvation Army Community Family Shelter (M-F 8a-5p)	Canyon	1412 4th Street S	Nampa	ID	83561	0
Cooling Center-Wa-A'Yas Community Center (24 hrs/7days)	Nez Perce	401 Idaho Street	Kamiah	ID	83536	0
Cooling Center-Hugh Nichols Bldg., Baker Room (daily 10a-7p MDT)	Canyon	820 3rd Street S.	Nampa	ID	83651	0
Bethlehem Baptist Church	Hennepin	720 13Th Ave S	Minneapolis	MN	55415	4
Sisters Middle School	DESCHUTES	15200 OR-242	Sisters	OR	97759	0
Klamath County Fairgrounds Bldg 1	KLAMATH	3531 S. 6th Street	Klamath Falls	OR	97601	35
Outside-Sisters Middle School	Deschutes	15200 OR-242	Sisters	OR	97759	6
Outside-Klamath County Fairgrounds	Klamath	3531 S. 6th Street	Klamath Falls	OR	97601	9
Outside-LaPine Middle School	Deschutes	16360 1st Street	LaPine	OR	97739	0
Daly Middle School	LAKE	906 S. 3rd Street	Lakeview	OR	98630	0
Wenatchee Seventh-day Adventist Church	CHELAN	508 N Western Ave	Wenatchee	WA	98801	0

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