



**Start Date:** 8/16/2020  
**Cause:** Lightning  
**Incident Commander:**  
 Noel Livingston  
 Pacific Northwest Team 3

**Approx. Size:** est. 105,340 ac.  
**Containment:** 5%  
**Total Personnel:** 1119  
**Approx. Distance:**  
 20 miles west of Warm Springs

**Resources on the Fire:**  
 34 Crews  
 35 Engines  
 6 Dozers  
 27 Water Tenders  
 7 Helicopters

**Cooperating Agencies:**  
 Marion Co. Sheriff  
 Linn Co. Sheriff  
 Jefferson Co. Sheriff  
 Deschutes Co. Sheriff

## Lionshead Fire Update – Wednesday, September 9, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.

The Pacific Northwest experienced historic fire activity over the last two days. Continued easterly winds have pushed the Lionshead Fire to grow to 105,340 acres.

**Weather and Fire Behavior:** Temperatures will be warmer with slightly lower humidity levels than yesterday. Easterly winds will persist through most of the day, changing to southeast in the late afternoon. East winds will decrease; however, drought conditions, high temperatures and low relative humidity will contribute to continued active fire behavior.

**Current Situation:** Extreme drought conditions combined with strong easterly winds, due to a cold front, pushed the fire spread west over the crest of the cascades and north of Mt. Jefferson. Long range spotting contributed to more than 12 miles of fire spread that included the areas around Breitenbush and Detroit Lake. The fire also crossed highway 22 in multiple places. Fire personnel coordinated with local emergency services on evacuations, providing escort for residents and campers. Crews on the Warm Springs Reservation portion of the fire took advantage of the easterly winds to prepare and strengthen indirect containment lines. On the eastern and southern flanks of the fire, crews worked to clear roads in anticipation of a return to westerly prevailing winds to prevent the fire from moving toward Warm Springs and the Metolius Basin.

**Today's Activities:** Safety of firefighters and the public remains our highest priority. Firefighters will continue to assist with any necessary evacuations as needed. Crews will assess and provide protection to structures at risk in the Detroit area. On the west side of the crest of the cascades, fire crews will scout from the north and south to determine locations for containment lines. To the south fire crews will be looking for access in the area around Idanha and Detroit area. On the Warm Springs Reservation firefighters will continue preparing roads to be used as containment lines on the northeast and southern side of the Lionshead Fire. Air resources will be available as needed to help with containment efforts.

**Evacuations:** Orders are being issued for evacuations as conditions change. Please monitor the local area sheriff's department websites and Facebook for updates. (Deschutes, Jefferson, Wasco, Linn, and Marion counties)

**Closures:** For public and firefighter safety, roads and trails on the southwest portion of the Warm Springs Reservation near the fires are closed to the public. Forest closures are in place for Deschutes, Mt. Hood and Willamette National Forests. For more information about forest closures, please refer to National Forest websites.

[Deschutes NF Alerts](#) [Willamette NF Alerts](#) [Mt. Hood NF Alerts](#)

A Temporary Flight Restriction is in place over the P-515 and Lionshead Fires. Wildfires are a No Drone Zone.

### FOR ADDITIONAL FIRE INFORMATION:

TripCheck: <https://www.tripcheck.com/>.

Inciweb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7049/>

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/LionsheadFire](http://www.facebook.com/LionsheadFire)

Email: [2020.lionshead@firenet.gov](mailto:2020.lionshead@firenet.gov)

Fire Information: 971-277-5075