



Morgan Fire Quick Facts

Start Date: September 18, 2023

Cause: Under Investigation

Incident Commander:

Nate LeFevre
Northwest Team 7

Approx. Size: 2,289 ac.

Containment: 40%

Total Personnel: 347

Location: Lakeview, OR

Resources:

8 Crews

11 Engines

9 Dozers

8 Water Tenders

3 Helicopters

Morgan Fire Update: Monday, September 25, 2023

Fire Information line: 541-460-7602 8am-8pm

The Morgan Fire is burning in steep, forested terrain, approximately 21 miles northwest of Lakeview, Oregon and 8 miles north of Quartz Mountain, on both private and National Forest System lands.

Temporary Road Closure: The Fremont-Winema National Forest issued a temporary closure for public safety on a segment of Forest Service Road 2800, between its junction with Forest Road 3428 on the north and Forest Road 2800-016 on the south. A copy of the order and map is on the Forest website:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/fremont-winema>

Yesterday: Firefighters focused on mopping up into a 100-foot perimeter on the north end of the fire. Around the rest of the fire crews continue to mop up and strengthen fire lines. Hazard tree felling continues as a high priority to ensure that firefighters will have safe access and egress if high winds cause fire-weakened trees to fall across roads. Crews used a helicopter to drop water on and extinguish hot spots on the west side of the fire.

Today's Activities: Firefighters will deepen their mop up operations along the perimeter and continue felling hazard trees. Firefighters will focus on the north end of the fire in anticipation of strong southerly winds that could challenge containment lines. An infrared detection unmanned aerial system (drone) will be in use to find any hidden heat sources that could threaten fire lines in windy conditions.

Weather: A Red Flag Warning is in effect for the Morgan Fire this afternoon into the evening. Strong southwesterly winds coupled with low relative humidity (15-25%) will result in **critical fire weather conditions**. Gusts up to 45-50 mph are possible Monday, especially on higher slopes and exposed/wind aligned areas.

Evacuations: There is currently a Level 1 ("Get Ready") Evacuation. Evacuation maps are posted on the Morgan Fire Inciweb page and the Lake County, OR website: <https://www.lakecountyor.org/>

Be wildfire aware! Avoid activities that can cause an accidental spark.

<https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prevent-wildfire>.

Fire Information and Links

Inciweb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/orfwf-morgan-fire>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/nwteam7>

<https://www.facebook.com/SCOFMPFIREINFO>

<https://www.facebook.com/R6FWNF>