



## 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:** 75%

**Total Personnel:** 283

**Location:** Lakeview, OR

**Resources:**

8 Crews

7 Engines

4 Dozers

7 Water Tenders

2 Helicopter

## **Morgan Fire Update: Thursday, September 28, 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>

**There are no longer any evacuation levels associated with the Morgan Fire.**

**Yesterday:** Firefighters worked deeper into the fire, widening the heat-free perimeter around the fire. Crews have begun retrieving pumps and hoses from the fire where they are no longer necessary. As mop-up standards are achieved, fire line repair becomes the priority work. Repair consists of returning the disturbed areas, fire lines, staging areas, helipads etc., to as natural a state as possible. This is to minimize any future damage or impacts to the watersheds due to erosion. Heavy equipment is used to pull back the removed natural vegetation over the dozer lines to protect the soil and make it easier for the ground to recover.

**Today's Activities:** Firefighters will search deeper into the perimeter to ensure no potential ignition sources remain near the fire's edge, and continue fire line repair. As suppression and repair objectives are met, there is a steady demobilization of assigned crews and equipment.

**Weather:** Lighter, terrain driven winds are expected over the next few days along with dry and mostly sunny conditions. Another system will push into the Pacific Northwest Friday into the weekend, with colder temperatures and additional chances of precipitation through Sunday.

**Be safe in the woods!** Please avoid travelling in recently burned areas. Fire-weakened trees can fall without warning, and burned ground can be unstable underfoot and contain hidden hot spots.

### **Fire Information and Links**

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

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/nwteam7>  
<https://www.facebook.com/SCOFMPFIREINFO>  
<https://www.facebook.com/R6FWNF>