



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: 85%

Total Personnel: 192

Location: Lakeview, OR

Resources:

3 Crews

8 Engines

3 Dozers

4 Water Tenders

1 Helicopter

Morgan Fire Update: Friday, September 29, 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: The focus of the work was repairing the fire lines using hand crews and equipment. 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. Fences that were cut to access the fire were also fixed. Some areas of heat, all within the fire line and not threatening the line, were found and extinguished. Fire hose is being pulled off the line and brought back to fire camp.

Today's Activities: Firefighters will continue repair, using dozers and excavators to break down berms along the fire line and install water bars on steeper slopes. This work will aid in reducing erosion and lessening impacts to the watershed. Crews will also keep searching deeper into the perimeter to ensure no potential ignition sources remain near the fire's edge. As suppression and repair objectives are met, there is a steady demobilization of assigned crews and equipment.

Weather: Increasing clouds will begin to arrive on Friday morning, with chances for spotty showers in the late afternoon through the night into Saturday afternoon. Rain amounts over the fire are predicted to be from .15-.30 inches. Winds will increase Friday night into the weekend.

Northwest Team 7 will be transferring management of the fire to a smaller fire organization at the end of the day Friday. This will be the last update from Northwest Team 7. **For future fire information, contact the Fremont-Winema National Forest office at (541) 947-2151.**

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>