



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: 60%

Total Personnel: 314

Location: Lakeview, OR

Resources:

8 Crews

7 Engines

4 Dozers

7 Water Tenders

1 Helicopter

Morgan Fire Update: Wednesday, September 27, 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 found a single spot fire across the containment line on the north end resulting from the strong dry winds and successfully contained and mopped it up. Crews gained additional containment and established deeper mop-up around the fire, and began fire line repair. The infrared detection unmanned aerial platform (drone) was used overnight and did not detect any new areas of heat requiring attention.

Today's Activities: Firefighters will mop-up and secure fire line, remove felled hazard trees, and continue repairing dozer and hand lines. 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.

Weather: A few light rain showers are possible early Wednesday morning, however generally dry weather is expected through Thursday with lighter, more seasonable winds. Cooler air will filter into the area, with overnight temperatures at or below freezing beginning Wednesday night through the weekend.

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/orfwf-morgan-fire>

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