



# FIRE UPDATE



## **COURTROCK FIRE** **July 26, 2024**

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MONUMENT, Ore. – Firefighters suppressing the Courtrock Fire continued to expand containment lines along the eastern and western perimeter with the goal of pinching off the head of the fire where it’s been progressing in the southeast.

ODF Team 1 Operations Sections Chief Kyle Gibbons said firefighters made steady progress on the Courtrock incident today and that heavy equipment, specifically bulldozers, were able to construct control lines near the head of the fire.

“Local ranchers supporting our firefighters in the valleys south of Courtrock made a significant impact in expanding control lines, using bulldozers to build line and help prevent further fire spread,” Gibbons said.

Approximately 30 local landowners are currently assisting firefighters on the Courtrock Fire and additional firefighting resources are continuing to be ordered for the incident.

Winds consistently blowing up to 10 miles per hour pushed the Courtrock Fire’s spread southeast, but there were no major runs observed today, and the fire is approaching an area of greener, more moist fuels that will naturally weaken fire behavior. Additionally, weather predictions show an increase in humidity recovery leading into the night, which contributes to a decrease in fire behavior as well.

Control lines are stopping Courtrock’s spread on privately-owned lands on the northern portion, but the fire is still active on areas to the south. Due to fire activity in the area, the U.S. Forest Service has issued closures for the Malheur.

Up to date information on Malheur National Forest closures can be found here: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/news/malheur/news-events>

Information for Zone I of the Battle Mountain Complex, including the western portion of the Monkey Creek Fire (formerly Boneyard Fire) can now be found at:

[www.facebook.com/battlemountaincomplex2024](http://www.facebook.com/battlemountaincomplex2024)

## **FIRE AT A GLANCE**

Courtrock Est. Size: 9,915 acres

Containment: 9%

Cause: Lightning

Estimated Cost: \$ 363,364

### **Evacuations**

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100068819321423>

### **Road Closures**

<https://www.tripcheck.com>

Top Road (Morrow and Grant counties), Cupper Creek Road and Wall Creek Road.

### **Fire Restrictions**

<https://gisapps.odf.oregon.gov/firerestrictions/PFR.html>

### **All Resources**

Total Personnel: 242

Hand Crews: 5

Engines: 39

Water Tenders: 13

Dozers: 5

Helicopters: 4

Incident Commander:

Joe Hessel

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Incident Management Team 1

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**Evacuations: Level 1 (Get Ready), Level 2 (Be Set) and Level 3 (Go Now) evacuations are in effect. For updated evacuation information:**

- [Grant County Emergency Management Office's Facebook page](#), or sign up for the Grant County Emergency Alert System at <https://member.everbridge.net/825462649520134/login>. Morrow County Evacuation information can be found at <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/de78333b0d2544f7a320142174aa20ae>

**Shelters:** An evacuation center has been set up at Grant Union High School (911 S Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845).

Clean air and cooling centers are located in the following locations in Grant County:

- Grant County Library- cooling & clean air, Monday – Thursday 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- John Day Senior Center- cooling & clean air, Monday & Thursday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Tuesday 12 – 4 p.m.
- Prairie City Public Works - clean air center, Monday - Friday 12 – 7 p.m.
- Dayville Community Hall- cooling & clean air, 24/7