



FIRE UPDATE



COURTROCK FIRE

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Fire activity on the Courtrock Fire increases, resources engaged with aircraft, active ground suppression, and structural protection

MONUMENT, Ore. – Wind, heat, record dry vegetation and topography continue to drive growth on the Courtrock Fire. With less smoke and more visibility, multiple helicopters, including from the Oregon National Guard, were able to deliver water drops today on the southwest and southeast portions of the fire.

The Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM) Incident Management Team is in unified command with ODF Team 1 on the Courtrock Fire. OSFM task forces protected homes and structures with wildland firefighters on the line.

Wildland firefighters continued connecting line, improving containment at the end of the fire north of Hamilton Mountain. Both the southwest and southeast portions of the fire remained active under today’s weather conditions and with record-dry vegetation.

Over 180 wildland firefighters and 30 landowner resources battled growth on the Courtrock Fire with some success given the weather and conditions. Landowners operating bulldozers along the south and southeast perimeters in conjunction with Team 1’s operations section continue to serve as a major asset to firefighters working to minimize the fire’s spread.

With northwest winds driving growth to the southeast, today’s focus was on slowing progression on the Malheur National Forest and adjacent private land in the Fox Valley.

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

FIRE AT A GLANCE

Courtrock Est. Size: 14,496 acres

Containment: 14%

Cause: Lightning

Estimated Cost: \$ 524,857

Evacuations

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

Road Closures

<https://www.tripcheck.com>

Cupper Creek Rd., Vaughn Rd., Short Beech Creek Rd. Short Corner Rd., Grant County Rd #9, Keeny Fork Rd. to Four Corners, and Middle Fork Rd.

Fire Restrictions

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

All Resources

Total Personnel: 272

Hand Crews: 6

Engines: 42

Water Tenders: 13

Dozers: 16

Helicopters: 8

Incident Commander:

Joe Hessel

Oregon Department of Forestry
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