



# FIRE UPDATE



## **COURTROCK FIRE July 29, 2024**

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*This will be the final evening release unless conditions significantly change*

### **Containment increases on Courtrock Fire, progress made in cooler, damp conditions**

MONUMENT, Ore. – Firefighters on the Courtrock Fire took advantage of the cool temperatures and scattered showers today, pushing forward on strengthening existing line around the majority of the incident and constructing new line on the southeast portion. Due to this work, containment has increased to 31%, up from 24% this morning. The rain also helped to clear out smoke, which allowed aircraft to fly once again today.

Oregon State Fire Marshal task forces remain engaged in the Fox Valley area, where engines have been positioned to protect homes that have been impacted by the fire or are located near it, particularly along the 3950 road. Task forces will remain in the area overnight, continuing this work.

On the north, east and west lines, firefighters have been mopping up, which is further securing the line and creating a greater distance between the perimeter and the interior of the fire. Conditions overnight are expected to remain cool with high relative humidity, allowing for this work to continue.

More showers are in the forecast tonight, with a very slight potential for thunderstorms. Temperatures are expected to slowly heat up the remainder of the week. Firefighters will be taking advantage of the cooler conditions in the next day to continue to make progress on connecting and strengthening line before Thursday, when temperatures will be the high 90s once again, drying out vegetation and naturally increasing fire activity.

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

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### **FIRE AT A GLANCE**

Courtrock Est. Size: 17,066 acres

Containment: 31%

Cause: Lightning

Estimated Cost: \$ 735,000

#### **Evacuations**

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

#### **Road Closures**

<https://www.tripcheck.com>

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: 356

Hand Crews: 10

Engines: 34

Water Tenders: 13

Dozers: 15

Helicopters: 8

Incident Commander:

**Joe Hessel**

Oregon Department of Forestry  
Incident Management Team 1

**Rob Root**

Oregon State Fire Marshal  
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Fire) can now be found at: [www.facebook.com/battlemountaincomplex2024](http://www.facebook.com/battlemountaincomplex2024)

**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