



## Falls and Telephone Fires Update for August 16, 2024

**Telephone Fire Quick Facts:** Containment 95%

**Size:** 54,034 acres **Start Date:** July 22, 2024 **Location:** 12 miles NE of Burns, OR **Cause:** Lightning/Natural

**Falls Fire Quick Facts:** Containment 89%

**Size:** 151,680 acres **Start Date:** July 10, 2024 **Location:** 13 miles NW of Burns, OR **Cause:** Human-caused

**Telephone and Falls Fires:** Yesterday, crews monitored and patrolled the Telephone Fire, focusing on backhauling equipment and supplies back to camp where it will be prepared to support other fires. Mastication continued on the 2830 Road near the Little Black Rock area. On the Falls Fire, in addition to monitor and patrol, crews used road graders to repair sections of the 43 and 41 Roads in the Parker Creek and Spring Canyon areas. Today, crews will remain focused on remaining prepared for initial attack and increasing mop up depth on the northeast portion of the Falls Fire and the northwest portion of the Telephone Fire. Backhaul will continue on both fires.

**Weather:** Yesterday afternoon's thunderstorms dropped additional wetting rains on the fires, especially parts of the Falls Fire, which received up to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch. Today's temperatures are expected to be in the 70s with moderate winds out of the southwest. Looking ahead, conditions on Saturday will begin a warming and drying trend and sustained south winds will be strong, favoring fire activity.

**Evacuations:** For up-to-date information, visit the Harney County Sheriff's evacuation map:

<https://bit.ly/FallsFireEvac>, or the [Grant County Emergency Management](#) Facebook page:

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

**Closures:** A closure is in effect for the southern area of the Malheur National Forest. A closure map is available on the Malheur National Forest website (<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/malheur/news-events/?cid=FSEPRD1198892>).

**Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR):** TFRs in the area have been changing; pilots should check the latest information on the Federal Aviation Administration TFR website prior to flying:

[https://tfr.faa.gov/tfr\\_map\\_ims/html/index.html](https://tfr.faa.gov/tfr_map_ims/html/index.html)

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/p/Falls-Fire-2024-61562126623985/>

**Falls Fire InciWeb:** <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/ormaf-falls-fire>

**Telephone Fire InciWeb:** <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/ormaf-telephone-fire>

**Fire Information Line:** 541-208-4370, staffed 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. **Email:** [2024.Falls@firenet.gov](mailto:2024.Falls@firenet.gov)

**Harney County Non-emergency Evacuation Questions:** 541-589-5579

**Air quality:** <https://fire.airnow.gov/>

**Smoke Outlooks:** <https://outlooks.airfire.org/outlook>