Southwest Area Complex Incident Management Team TEAM 2 – John Truett – Incident Commander



Acres: 20,018 acres

Cause: Lightning

Containment: 57%

Start Date: July 21st, 2024

Fuels: Timber, grass, brush

Resources: 415

Courtrock Fire Update: Monday, August 5th, 2024 Resources are available to assist in case of new fire starts

Highlight: In the aftermath of the lightning storm that moved through eastern Oregon on Sunday near the Courtrock Fire, resources that are assigned to the main Courtrock Fire are now aiding local agencies in initial attacks as reports of smoke or new fires start come in.

Overview: Firefighters were busy on Sunday extinguishing and removing burning material near control lines. Additional operational resources and overhead are arriving to the Long Creek Incident Command Post today to aid in the mop-up and containment efforts. The area of the fire that did experience some activity over the weekend was in the upper eastern area of the fire and well within the interior. This activity poses no threat to the fire's edge, and the growth will continue to consume the available fuels that are still within the Courtrock Fire perimeter.

On the eastern edge of the fire, headway is being made improving the depth of the control line. An infrared flight, which detects a fire's intensity and activity, was conducted Saturday night. The data revealed significantly fewer heat signatures compared to the previous night. This reduction in heat was a result of the hard work of the firefighters, both during the night and day shifts. Work continues today to further extinguish hotspots within the perimeter.

Weather: Temperatures will be similar to Sunday, mid-80s to around 100 degrees across the fire area. Calm winds out of the north/northeast are expected, with ridgeline gusts from 15-20 mph. No significant weather concerns are forecasted, though there is a slight chance for thunderstorms to the east of the fire area this afternoon.

Evacuations/Shelters/Closures: No Level 3 (Go Now) evacuations are in effect.

- For **Grant County** evacuation information, visit <u>Grant County Emergency Management Office's Facebook page</u>, or sign up for the <u>Grant County Emergency Alert System</u>.
- For **Morrow County** evacuation information, visit the Morrow County Sheriff's Office Facebook page.
- Evacuation center is set up at Grant Union High School, 911 S Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.
- The U.S. Forest Service has issued closures for the Malheur National Forest.

Fire Information: 541-208-4369 from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. – 2024.courtrock@firenet.gov

