

Southwest Area Complex Incident Management Team

TEAM 2 – John Truett – Incident Commander



Acres: 20,019 acres
Cause: Lightning
Containment: 77%

Start Date: July 21st, 2024
Fuels: Timber, grass, brush
Resources: 406

Courtrock Fire Update: Wednesday, August 7th, 2024

Containment increases by 20 percent, crews supporting nearby fires.

Highlight: Firefighters continue to support local agencies with new fire starts from the Sunday evening lightning storm; meanwhile, firefighters are making steady progress securing the fire's perimeter.

Overview: Communities near the Courtrock Fire are waking up to see an additional 20 percent increase this morning in containment on the Courtrock Fire thanks to the hard-working efforts of firefighters and support crew, both during the night and day shifts. Crews are working around-the-clock to secure this fire. Today's objective is to finish pulling firehose off the fire and patrol the lower south and east sides of the fire where there is no containment and continue mop-up efforts. Smoke will continue to be visible within the interior of the fire is not an indicator of risk to containment.

Meanwhile, resources including crews, engines, water tenders and heavy equipment are supporting the following fires:

- **Bennett Fire**, a 400-acre fire, northwest of Antelope in Wasco County;
- **Indian Hollow and Wildhorse fires**, now a part of the Parrish Creek Complex, a combined 200-acre fire south of Spray, near Steamboat Mountain, in Wheeler County;
- **Service Creek Fire**, an approximately five-acre fire southwest of the Lone Rock Fire, south of the John Day River, in Wheeler County; and
- **Umatilla National Forest**, an unnamed fire within the Forest east of the Lone Rock Fire, which is now contained.

Weather: Sunny today with a high in the upper 80s. Southwest wind 6 to 9 mph becoming northeast in the afternoon. Cloudy tonight with a low around 62. Northeast wind 5 to 9 mph becoming east after midnight. Smoke may still be visible this week coming from the interior as fuels dry out and temperatures rise.

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

- For **Grant County** evacuation information, visit the Grant County Emergency Management Office's Facebook page, or sign up for the [Grant County Emergency Alert System](#).
- 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

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