

Southwest Area Complex Incident Management Team

TEAM 2 – John Truett – Incident Commander



Acres: 20,019 acres
Cause: Lightning
Containment: 97%

Start Date: July 21st, 2024
Fuels: Timber, grass, brush
Resources: 262

Courtrock Fire Update: Sunday, August 11th, 2024 **As fire activity decreases, community updates will remain available online.**

Highlight: Firefighters are patrolling the upper east side of the fire's perimeter, while continuing to clean up pockets of unburned vegetation and hitting areas that are holding heat. Containment objectives are near completion, with exception to a small section on the east side that is in steep terrain, is difficult to reach, and presents a hazard to firefighters. The plan is to continue hitting that area with direct fire suppression until full containment is reached and then allow fuels well inside the interior of the fire to naturally burn. Be advised, driving in or visiting areas affected by the fire is a violation against the Forest Service closure orders. Please wait to visit until the area has been stabilized.

Smoke will continue to be visible in neighboring communities, especially during the evenings. The unburned fuels need to be consumed; it is likely the remaining interior pockets that are holding heat and producing smoke will continue to do so until a significant weather change (one bringing cooler temperatures, wetting rains, or significant snowfall) occurs in the area. The public should **not** call 9-1-1 for smoke coming from the interior of the Courtrock Fire. Fire updates are available on the Courtrock Fire [Inciweb](#) page, or [Courtrock Fire Facebook](#).

Weather: Widespread haze after 2pm. Sunny, with a high near 87. Calm wind becoming northwest 5 to 7 mph in the afternoon. A slight chance of showers between 11 p.m. and 2 a.m. Widespread haze before 8 p.m. Mostly clear, with a low around 56. Northwest wind around 6 mph becoming calm in the evening. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Closures: The area surrounding the Courtrock Fire are under closure orders, which are under constant review. Agencies consider many factors regarding these reviews such as public safety, hunting, firewood gathering, and other land uses. Agencies will open lands to these uses as soon as safety allows.

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

- For **Morrow County** evacuation updates, visit the [Morrow County Sheriff's Office Facebook page](#).
- For **Grant County** evacuation updates, visit the Grant County Emergency Management Office's Facebook page, or sign up for the [Grant County Emergency Alert System](#).
- The U.S. Forest Service has [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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