

Malheur National Forest

Forest Service News Release

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Malheur National Forest Reduces Rail Ridge Fire Area Closure

John Day, Ore. (September 23, 2024) — The Malheur National Forest is reducing the area closure for the Rail Ridge Fire on the Blue Mountain Ranger District. To protect public health and safety, fire managers have closed the area described below due to fire activity and fire suppression operations. This closure will be effective September 24, 2024, through December 31, 2024, unless rescinded sooner.

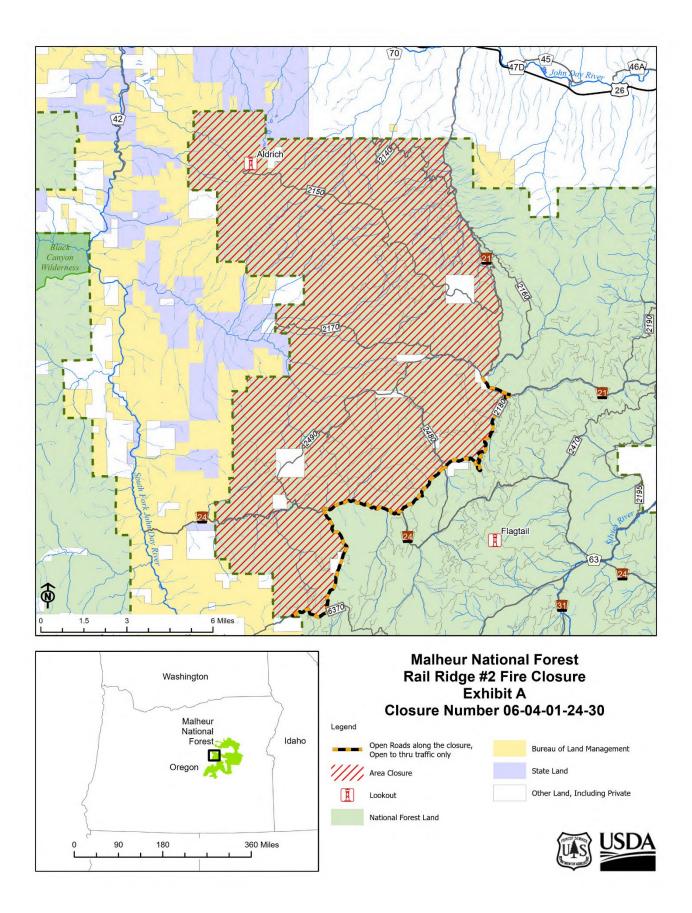
This Forest Order, Malheur National Forest Rail Ridge #2 Fire Closure (06-04-01-24-30), rescinds and replaces the previous Malheur National Forest Rail Ridge Fire Area Closure Order (06-04-01-24-26).

Closure Area Description:

- From the National Forest boundary on Fields Peak Road/Forest Service Road 21 on the border of T13 S, R28E, Sec 35 and T14S, R28E, Sec. 1 **south** along Forest Service Road 21 to junction of Forest Service Roads 2170 and 21.
- Continues along Forest Service Road 21 **east** to the junction of Forest Service Road 2180 at T15S, R29E, Sec. 20. **South** on Forest Service Road 2180 to Forest Service Road 24 in T16S, R28E, Sec. 10.
- Follows Forest Service Road 24 **west** to forest service road 338 in T16S, R28E, Sec. 7. **South** on Forest Service Road 338 to Forest Service Road 6370 in T16S, R28E, Sec. 30.
- Continues west on Forest Service Road 6370 to the Forest Service Boundary in T16S, R27E, Sec. 25.
- Follows National Forest boundary **north** to T13S, R27E, Sec. 33 then **east** to Fields Peak Road/Forest Service Road 21 on the border of T13 S, R28E, Sec. 35 and T14S, R28E, Sec. 1.
- Travel is prohibited on Forest Service Road 21 starting in T14S, R28E, Sec. 1 **south** to the junction of Forest Service Road 2170 in T15S, R29E, Sec. 18.

A detailed map of the closure is included and available on the Malheur National Forest website and offices.

For Rail Ridge Fire information visit: <u>https://inciweb.fs2c.usda.gov/incident-information/orocf-rail-ridge</u>.



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