



RAIL RIDGE FIRE

September 9, 2024 Morning Update

Rail Ridge Quick Facts

Acres: 146,601	Crews: 9
Containment: 7%	Engines: 113
Detection Date: Sept 2, 2024	Dozers: 9
Cause: Lightning	Aircraft: available as needed/as air clears
Total resources: 739	

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Closures and Evacuations

Closures: Both the Ochoco National Forest and BLM have implemented partial closures due to the fire. For more details and closure maps, visit the [Ochoco National Forest](#), [Malheur National Forest](#), and [BLM webpages](#).

Evacuations: For the most up-to-date evacuation information, please visit:

- **Crook County:** Crook County Emergency Management [website](#) and Crook County Sheriff's Office [Facebook page](#).
- **Wheeler County:** Visit the Wheeler County Sheriff's Office [Facebook page](#) for real-time updates.
- **Grant County:** Grant County Emergency Management [Facebook page](#).

Operational Update

The fire was less active last night due to higher humidity recovery and more stable weather conditions. The priority for firefighters overnight was to continue strengthening lines to the southwest of the community of Dayville. A firing operation was initiated but not completed as conditions became unfavorable for burning.

Yesterday, Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM) task forces worked to harden structures. Crews placed mobile water sources and installed sprinkler systems around multiple structures threatened by the fire. During the afternoon fire activity increased and crews moved into position around structures in the Dayville and Fields Creek areas, as well as on the southern edge of the fire. With a total of nine OSFM task forces now assigned to the fire, structural protection is in place around the clock.

Today, crews will remain in position at structures directly adjacent to the fire line and in areas that may become impacted. There will be a heavy structural task force presence in the Dayville and South Fork area, as well as at the critical infrastructure at Aldridge lookout. Wildland crews will work to construct and improve containment lines southeast into Guyson Basin and along the South Fork Road to cut off the fires northern and eastern progression.

Crews made access to the spot fire from yesterday in the South Fork John Day River (east of Little Baldy). That spot grew considerably with westerly winds yesterday evening and is now estimated to be at about 100 acres. Crews are working to contain that spot but are also working on constructing and improving secondary lines along Indian Creek.

Firing operations on the western side of the fire held well yesterday and overnight.

Weather

A period of cooler, dryer weather is anticipated to pas through the fire area today into tomorrow, preceding a wetter system which is predicted to enter the area on Wednesday with a chance of rain on Thursday.

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