



Rail Ridge and Wiley Flat Fires September 20, 2024 Update

Central Oregon Wildfire Information: centraloregonfire.org

Rail Ridge Quick Facts

Acres: 162,345- Containment: 50% - Detection Date: Sept 2, 2024 - Cause: Lightning - Total resources: 1,209 - Crews: 29 - Engines: 64 - Dozers: 17 - Helicopters: 4
Phone: 541-208-7111 - Email: 2024.railridge@firenet.gov
Facebook/Inciweb: <https://linktr.ee/RailRidgeFire>

Operational Update

Alaska Incident Management Team 3 assumed command of the Rail Ridge Fire at 6:00 AM today. We thank California Team 10 for their hard work and dedication over the last two weeks.

Operations will continue to focus on strengthening existing suppression lines and establishing shaded fuel breaks while reducing fuel loading along potential containment features. Firefighters will continue to create containment depth around the perimeter, patrolling for heat sources and implementing suppression repair tactics.

As fire behavior moderates with improved weather conditions, crews on the north and northeastern edges of the fire will move into recovery efforts, including road repair and grading and restoring areas affected by firefighting activities. They will also focus on interior mop up, gridding and cold trailing to eliminate any potential threat to containment.

Wiley Flat Quick Facts

Acres: 30,186 - Containment: 94.5% - Detection Date: Sept 2, 2024 - Cause: Lightning - Total resources: 190 - Crews: 2 - Engines: 3 - Dozers: 2
Phone: 541-208-7108 - Email: 2024.wileyflat@firenet.gov
Facebook/Inciweb: <https://linktr.ee/RailRidgeFire>

Operational Update

Alaska Team 3 assumed command of the Wiley Flat Fire at 7:00 PM on September 19th. Suppression repair continues around the fire perimeter as crews monitor for any residual heat. **Crews are working to utilize extra care with suppression repair work in sensitive areas.**

Closures and Evacuations

Rail Ridge Evacuations: All level 1 and 2 evacuation zones have been lifted for Grant County, and level 3 zones have been downgraded to level 2 “set” status. For Crook and Wheeler counties, all evacuation statuses have been lifted.

Wiley Flat Evacuations: All areas inside the fire perimeter are designated Level 3 Evacuation zones. The area encompassing approximately one-half mile from the fire perimeter is designated Level 2 evacuation zone.

For Current Evacuation Levels in all counties, please visit: <https://linktr.ee/RailRidgeFire>

The Red Cross evacuation shelter is in the Carey Foster Hall at Crook County Fairgrounds SE Lynn Blvd. Prineville, OR 97754. Information number: 1-800-RED-CROSS

Closures: The U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management have implemented closures in the area of the Rail Ridge and Wiley Flat Fires. For more details and closure maps, visit <https://linktr.ee/RailRidgeFire>