



## Rail Ridge and Wiley Flat Fire Update

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Social Media, Evacuation and Closure Information: <https://linktr.ee/RailRidgeFire>

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### Rail Ridge Fire

**Acres: 165,586 – Containment: 74% – Detection Date: Sept 2, 2024 – Cause: Lightning – Total resources: 1,189**

#### Operational Update:

Yesterday, warmer and dryer conditions contributed to a small increase in acreage on the Rail Ridge Fire. The fire has crossed Black Canyon Creek and is estimated to have consumed approximately 150 acres on the south side of the creek. Smoke was observed in the headwaters of Black Canyon Creek yesterday, which provided a barrier for direct sunlight, moderating fire behavior. A possible increase in fire activity is expected today with warmer temperatures and forecasted winds gusting up to 25MPH. The fire continued to back and flank west along Coffee Pot Ridge. Firefighters used strategic application of fire to bring the fire edges together to create black line. These firing operations were supported by helicopters that provided water bucket drops to hotshot crews working on the ground. As days get shorter, shading in the canyon creates a shorter burn window when the fire is influenced by direct sunlight. Firefighters will continue to hotspot, cold trail, and mop up areas of heat in the northwestern portion of the fire in the Black Canyon Wilderness as well as the northeast side, where they continue to gain containment, and shift into suppression repair work.

### Wiley Flat Fire

**Acres: 30,186 – Containment: 94% – Detection Date: Sept 2, 2024 – Cause: Lightning – Total resources: 49**

**Operational Update:** Suppression repair efforts will continue today as fire crews work towards full containment.

### Weather

Gusty winds are expected today across the fire area, transitioning from the south to the southwest, and northwest on the ridges. Gusts up to 20-25MPH with lower humidities and temperatures in the mid 80's.

### Evacuations

**Rail Ridge Evacuations:** Level 1 and 2 evacuation zones for the Rail Ridge Fire remain in Grant County.

**Wiley Flat Evacuations:** Level 2 and 3 evacuation zones are in place for the Wiley Flat Fire in Crook County.

**For Current Evacuation Levels in Wheeler, Crook and Grant counties, please visit:**

<https://linktr.ee/RailRidgeFire>

### Closures

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