



RAIL RIDGE FIRE

September 19, 2024 Update

Rail Ridge Quick Facts

Acres: 162,345	Crews: 29
Containment: 50%	Engines: 64
Detection Date: Sept 2, 2024 Cause: Lightning	Dozers: 17
Total resources: 1,182	Helicopters: 2 Type 1, 1 Type 2, 1 Type 3

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Inciweb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/orocf-rail-ridge>

LinkTree: <https://linktr.ee/RailRidgeFire>

Closures and Evacuations

Closures: The U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management have implemented partial closures because of the Rail Ridge and Crazy Creek fires, for all uses. For more details and closure maps, visit the [Ochoco National Forest](#), [Malheur National Forest](#), and [BLM web pages](#).

Evacuations: Grant County evacuations were downgraded Wednesday. For up-to-date evacuation information, please visit:

- **Grant County:** Emergency Management [Facebook page](#).
- **Crook County:** Emergency Management [website](#); Sheriff's Office [Facebook page](#).
- **Wheeler County:** Sheriff's Office [Facebook page](#).

Operational Update

Today is the final day California Interagency Incident Management Team 10 will be in command of the Rail Ridge Fire. Alaska Incident Management Team 3 is shadowing today and will assume command tomorrow. Firefighters on the north and northeast sides will take advantage of the continued favorable conditions and focus on strengthening existing suppression lines and completing new ones, including working on shaded fuel breaks and clearing fuels.

On the east side between Shake Table and Forest Service Road 21, crews will continue to work on road repair, grading roads, and repairing the impacts of suppression efforts where needed. On the southern and southeastern portions, crews will monitor and patrol for any heat sources and implement suppression repair.

Throughout the fire area, firefighters will continue mop up efforts, going deeper inside fire lines to eliminate residual heat as large logs and dead, downed trees continue to burn.

Weather

Seasonably warm and dry weather is forecast for the area with lower humidity (25-30%) and sunny skies. Wind will be generally light with gusts up to 15 mph on the ridge tops.

These conditions will allow heavy fuels to continue to burn which will result in slightly increased smoke production but there remains no threat to containment lines.