

# Rail Ridge and Wiley Flat Fire Update September 29, 2024

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

# **Rail Ridge Fire**

Acres: 165,586 – Containment: 80% – Detection Date: 09/02/24 – Cause: Lightning – Total resources: 1,136

Operational Update: Yesterday, hot and dry conditions contributed to an increase in acreage on the Rail Ridge Fire. In the Black Canyon Wilderness, the fire crossed Black Canyon Creek onto the ridge east of Honeymoon Basin and poses new challenges to firefighters. Today's weather will be much cooler, though winds will be stronger and out of the northwest, and relative humidity will be lower. Weather continues to challenge efforts. In the northern divisions, firefighters continue to mop up and extinguish isolated heat sources and are working toward suppression repair. More fireline has been added to containment. In the southern portion of the fire, patrols continue, and suppression repair is ongoing. Much of the repairs are being made to roads which received heavy impacts during suppression efforts.

## Wiley Flat Fire

Acres: 30,186 - Containment: 94% - Detection Date: 09/02/24 - Cause: Lightning - Total resources: 47

**Operational Update:** Heavy equipment made progress on road repairs and falling teams are taking out hazard trees along road corridors.

#### Weather

Today's wind direction will change and come from the northwest. It will be a dry day as relative humidity is expected in the teens. Temperatures will be much cooler, with highs only reaching into the sixties.

## **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:

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#### 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 <a href="https://linktr.ee/RailRidgeFire">https://linktr.ee/RailRidgeFire</a>