

Rail Ridge and Wiley Flat Fire Update September 30, 2024

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

Rail Ridge Fire

Acres: 165,743 - Containment: 80% - Detection: 09/02/24 - Cause: Lightning - Personnel: 1,038

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 where firefighters and aerial resources remain engaged. 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 firefighting efforts. In the northern divisions, firefighters continue to mop up and extinguish isolated heat sources and are working toward suppression repair. Containment continues to increase around the perimeter. In the southern portion of the fire, patrols continue, and suppression repair is ongoing. Repairs continue along roads which received heavy impacts during suppression efforts.

Wiley Flat Fire

Acres: 30,186 - Containment: 94% - Detection: 09/02/24 - Cause: Lightning - Personnel: 27

Operational Update: Heavy equipment made progress on road repairs and falling teams are removing hazard trees along road corridors. This will be the final daily update for the Wiley Flat Fire. For questions or information moving forward, please contact the Ochoco National Forest at 541-416-6500

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 remain for the Wiley Flat Fire in Crook County. For Current Evacuation Levels all affected 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