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Maury Mountains Closure Area Reduced

Prineville, Ore., September 17, 2024— Following significant progress in firefighting efforts, the Ochoco National Forest, in consultation with fire management officials and the Crook County Sheriff's Office, has reduced the Wiley Flat Fire Area Closure in the Maury Mountains. This decision comes as containment lines have been strengthened, reducing the immediate threat to public safety.

While key areas remain closed to allow firefighters to continue their work, this reduction opens up portions of the forest for public access. Fire officials will continue to monitor the situation closely to ensure that it remains safe for the public to return to more areas as conditions improve.

We recognize the importance of these lands to the community, especially during hunting season, and appreciate your cooperation throughout the closures. Our priority remains the safety of both the public and our firefighters, and we will only lift restrictions as it becomes safe to do so.

The reduced closure will stay in place until further progress is made and will be reassessed regularly. We ask the public to continue respecting all closure signs and stay informed on current conditions.

For updated closure maps and information, please visit the [Ochoco National Forest website](#).

For the latest evacuation information please visit the Crook County Sheriff's Office [Facebook](#) and [webpage](#).

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