



Rail Ridge and Wiley Flat Fire Update

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

Rail Ridge Fire

Acres: 162,994 – Containment: 59% – Detection Date: Sept 2, 2024 – Cause: Lightning – Total resources: 1291

Operational Update: Crews working on the northeastern corner of the Rail Ridge Fire are conducting burn out operations to secure containment line in the area of the Black Canyon Wilderness. Line construction and improvement is ongoing around the perimeter of the fire as well as road rehabilitation and suppression repair. The Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service are working cooperatively with the Oregon Department of Forestry to prioritize and complete suppression repair on federal, state and private lands. Landowners can submit a request for suppression repair assistance here: <https://tinyurl.com/RailRidgeRepair>

The Malheur National Forest has reduced the area closure for the Rail Ridge Fire on the Blue Mountain Ranger District. This closure update will be effective September 24, 2024, through December 31, 2024, unless rescinded sooner. For map and more information, visit: <https://bit.ly/MalheurRRClosure>

Wiley Flat Fire

Acres: 30,186 – Containment: 94% – Detection Date: Sept 2, 2024 – Cause: Lightning – Total resources: 109

Operational Update: Mop up and suppression repair is ongoing around the Wiley Flat Fire as crews work towards 100% containment. A Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) team is establishing a long-term plan for suppression repair and road rehabilitation across the Wiley Fire.

Weather

Elevated temperatures and lower relative humidities with gusting winds are expected throughout this week. This could produce an increase in fire activity inside of containment lines, as well as more visible smoke in the area.

Evacuations

Rail Ridge Evacuations: All level 1 and 2 evacuation zones have been lifted for Grant County, and level 3 zones have been downgraded to level 2 “set” status.

Wiley Flat Evacuations: All areas inside the fire perimeter are designated Level 3 Evacuation zones. The area encompassing approximately one-half mile from the fire perimeter is designated Level 2 evacuation zone.

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>