



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: 165,209 – Containment: 61% – Detection Date: Sept 2, 2024 – Cause: Lightning – Total resources: 1239

Operational Update: Yesterday, a cold frontal passage over the Rail Ridge Fire tested control lines with strong winds, gusting up to 45 MPH. Firefighters were prepared for this forecasted event and utilized aerial resources until around 11AM when winds made it unsafe to fly. Containment lines along Coffee Pot Ridge held, where firefighters will continue to secure and mop up during today's shift. The fire did progress in the Black Canyon Wilderness, from the south side of Black Canyon Creek and is now established in Honeymoon Basin. An Uncrewed Aerial System (drone) is being utilized today to collect intel and identify areas of heat. Firefighters will continue to focus on increasing containment on the northeast side of the fire. Mop up and suppression repair efforts will continue around the perimeter of the fire where containment has been established.

Wiley Flat Fire

Acres: 30,186 – Containment: 94% – Detection Date: Sept 2, 2024 – Cause: Lightning – Total resources: 59

Operational Update: Yesterday's weather event confirmed confidence in containment lines on the Wiley Flat Fire. Mop up and suppression repair will continue as crews work to eliminate any remaining heat within the fire perimeter.

Weather

Good relative humidity recoveries occurred over the fires area last night. Cooler temperatures, light winds, and sunny skies are expected today. A dry, warming trend is forecasted over the next few days, as a high-pressure system moves into the region.

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:

<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>