







Rail Ridge and Wiley Flat Fire Update September 22, 2024 Update

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

Rail Ridge Fire

Acres: 162,423- Containment: 50% - Detection Date: Sept 2, 2024 - Cause: Lightning - Total resources: 1,376 Crews: 41 - Engines: 50 - Dozers: 17

Operational Update

Hotshot crews and other firefighting resources continue to focus efforts along the northern portion of the fire, working to identify opportunities for direct and indirect line construction along the uncontained fire edge. Crews are working to increase containment while favorable weather conditions persist in anticipation of warmer temperatures and gusting winds that are predicted next week. Mop up and suppression repair is ongoing along the southern half of the fire, where crews work to increase depth along containment lines and repair roads that were damaged during suppression activities.

Wiley Flat Fire

Acres: 30,186 - Containment: 94% - Detection Date: Sept 2, 2024 - Cause: Lightning - Total resources: 141 Crews: 2 - Engines: 3 - Dozers: 2

Operational Update

Crews on the Wiley Flat Fire have been focused on establishing containment along the last section of perimeter without control lines in place. Road rehabilitation and suppression repair are ongoing around the fire as firefighters work to restore sensitive areas within the fire footprint to identified standards.

Closures and 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. For Crook and Wheeler counties, all evacuation statuses have been lifted.

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 all 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