



Rail Ridge and Wiley Flat Fires September 21, 2024 Update

Central Oregon Wildfire Information: centraloregonfire.org

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

Rail Ridge Fire

**Acres: 162,345 - Containment: 50% - Detection Date: Sept 2, 2024 - Cause: Lightning - Total resources: 1,406
Crews: 41 - Engines: 66 - Dozers: 20 - Helicopters: 13
Phone: 541-208-7111 - Email: 2024.railridge@firenet.gov**

Operational Update

There was an uptick in interior fire activity yesterday afternoon as temperatures and relative humidities returned to normal seasonal warm and dry conditions, with gusting winds across the fire area. An increase of activity in the Black Canyon Wilderness created a visible smoke column during the early afternoon. Ongoing line construction and the establishment of shaded fuel breaks on the northern edge of the fire will ensure secure containment if fire behavior increases with similar wind and weather conditions predicted for next week.

Crews continue to strengthen suppression lines and implement suppression repair activities along the southern edge of the fire. Road repair is also ongoing on the southern portion of the fire.

Wiley Flat Fire

**Acres: 30,186 - Containment: 94% - Detection Date: Sept 2, 2024 - Cause: Lightning - Total resources: 168
Crews: 3 - Engines: 3 - Dozers: 2
Phone: 541-208-7108 - Email: 2024.wileyflat@firenet.gov**

Operational Update

Firefighters continue to implement suppression repair measures around the fire perimeter, working to achieve repair standards established for sensitive areas within the fire footprint, as well as repairing roads that have been impacted by fire suppression efforts. Crews continue to monitor for any residual heat.

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>