



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: 165,341 – Containment: 74% – Detection Date: Sept 2, 2024 – Cause: Lightning – Total resources: 1189

Operational Update:

Cooler temperatures, increased relative humidities and lighter winds gave firefighters relief during yesterday's operations. Suppression efforts will remain a priority in the Black Canyon Wilderness and along the northeastern edge of the Rail Ridge Fire to protect values at risk. Active fire behavior is expected again today on the south side of Black Canyon Creek, near the Coffee Pot Trailhead. Aircraft, including helicopters and Single Engine Air Tankers (SEATs) supported hotshot crews on the ground with water delivery. Firefighters are working closely with resource advisors to ensure careful planning and execution of suppression efforts in the wilderness. The northern and eastern portions of the fire's footprint continue to gain containment along the South Fork Road, Aldrich Mountain, and Northeast Fields Creek. Suppression repair efforts are ongoing on the southern end of the fire where containment is established. Smoke will continue to be visible today and is predominately coming out of the Black Canyon Wilderness area in addition to the heavy fuels that continue to consume in the fire interior.

Wiley Flat Fire

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

Operational Update: Suppression repair efforts will continue today as fire crews work towards full containment.

Weather

A week high pressure system will move into the area later today. Winds will remain light and variable with moderate relative humidities across the fire area. Seasonally warm and dry conditions will continue to persist through the weekend with temperatures in the 80's.

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>