



Rail Ridge Fire Update

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

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Acres: 166,062 – Containment: 82% – Detection: 09/02/24 – Cause: Lightning – Personnel: 912

Operational Update

Yesterday's weather gave a slight reprieve to firefighters in terms of fire behavior. Cooler temps and lighter winds gave crews on the ground an opportunity to use tactical burning operations in a defensive move to build a more robust "catcher's mitt" in front of the fire on the south side of the Black Canyon Wilderness). Today's critically dry weather may bring an uptick in fire behavior but is not anticipated to pose a threat to containment lines.

In the northwest corner of the fire where growth has increased in recent days, firefighting efforts have proven effective and containment lines have held for the past two shifts despite challenging winds and dry, hot weather. In the other northern part of the fire, firefighters gained more containment yesterday, while the work to locate and suppress hot spots is ongoing. In the southern end of the fire, repairs are being made to roads and dozer lines and hazard trees are being felled anywhere that may pose a threat to firefighters or the public.

Weather

The concerning dry trend continues today, with relative humidity possibly dipping into the single digits. Temperatures will get into the 70's today. Winds will be from the southwest but will be light and terrain driven.

Evacuations

Rail Ridge Evacuations: Level 1 and 2 evacuation zones for the Rail Ridge Fire remain in Grant County. **For Current Evacuation Levels all affected 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 Fire. For more details and closure maps, visit <https://linktr.ee/RailRidgeFire>