



Rail Ridge Fire Update

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

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Acres: 166,500 – Containment: 83% – Detection: 09/02/24 – Cause: Lightning – Personnel: 807

Operational Update

The weather yesterday contributed to an ongoing drying trend, making fuels more available to burn even while temperatures begin to drop. In the Black Canyon Wilderness, the fire advanced up the ridge east of Honeymoon Creek, sending a noticeable smoke plume that was blown back into the fire perimeter with the southwest winds. Black Canyon Creek worked as a slowing point to hold the fire in check. This will be an area of focus today as firefighters strengthen existing lines ahead of winds out of the north that will push the fire southward. Difficult terrain and limited access in the northern half of the fire, along with persistently dry weather and heavy fuel loading will contribute to fire growth in the Black Canyon Wilderness. In the northern divisions, firefighting efforts have added more containment to the fire perimeter in steep and challenging ground. Additional acres of burned area are producing smoke that is visible. In the southern divisions, mop-up is ongoing as crews engage in patrol and repair. Suppression repair will be a key focus on areas of the fire that already show containment.

Weather

A critical dry streak lingers over the fire area again today and the relative humidity will range from 9-14 percent, which is extremely low for this time of year. Light winds out of the north return on Wednesday, bringing near normal temperatures to the region, lowering into the mid-sixties.

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>