



Rail Ridge Fire Update

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

Acres: 167,718 – Containment: 89% – Detection: 09/02/24 – Cause: Lightning – Personnel: 795

Northwest Complex Incident Management Team 8, lead by Incident Commander Brian Ebert took command of the Rail Ridge Fire this morning at 6:00am. Thank You to Alaska Complex Incident Management Team #3 for your time, dedication and hard work on the Rail Ridge Fire.

Operational Update

Yesterday, calmer winds across the fire area led to subdued fire growth. The additional acreage burned was on the west/northwest area of the fire in the Black Canyon Wilderness in Honeymoon Creek. The tactical burning accomplished previously on the southern edge of the wilderness is still holding as a strong containment feature. Around the other contained areas of the fire, firefighters continued mop-up, patrol and suppression repair. The northern edge of the fire still has areas of fire perimeter which remain uncontained due to inaccessible terrain. Firefighters will continue to monitor these areas and work toward containment as they can safely engage.

Today, the fire team will continue to assess the fire activity in the wilderness and have management action points in place and are prepared to act on as the fire progresses. Firefighters continue construct contingency control lines and strengthen containment in the Black Canyon Wilderness, adding depth to lines that are already in place. Fire activity today is expected to be similar to yesterday. Even with the cooler night temperatures, the critically dry fuels will continue to burn and smoke will be visible across the fire footprint. The contained areas of the fire will continue to be patrolled, mopped up and suppression repairs are ongoing with resource advisors.

Weather

A cold start in the morning hours today will lead to similar temperatures as yesterday in the low 70's. Winds will be light today and mostly terrain-driven across the fire area. Dry conditions will persist with stronger winds from the southwest on Friday.

Evacuations

Level 1 evacuations in Grant County were dropped yesterday and the level 2 evacuations remain. Wheeler County evacuation remain the same.

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>