



## Media Release

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# Forest Closures, Fire Restrictions and Evacuation Levels Remain in Place Near the Rail Ridge Fire

**For public and firefighter safety please respect the current closure areas, fire restrictions and evacuation levels.**



Forest & BLM Closures / Fire Restrictions / Evacuation Levels / Map of ODFW hunting management unit areas overlaid with forest closures and the fire footprint can be found at: <https://linktr.ee/RailRidgeFire>.

Visitors looking to hunt or recreate on public lands over the holiday weekend should be aware that Forest and BLM closures around the Rail Ridge Fire remain in place. These closures are in place to protect members of the public from hazards such as damaged roads, hazard trees, burning stumpholes and unstable ground. Fire crews and heavy equipment remain present on all sides of this fire. Although the weather forecast is more favorable for fire suppression than it has been in several days, the area has not had any measurable precipitation and the potential for fire activity to increase remains a factor.

Check for current fire regulations before visiting public lands. You will be helping our firefighters by doing your part, and remember it only takes one spark! The majority of human starts are accidental, be prepared with a fire extinguisher, water and a shovel when out recreating. Campfires in some areas are restricted, although a propane camp stove may be an acceptable alternative.

Evacuation levels remain in place for Grant, Wheeler and Crook Counties, due to the uncontained active fire on the landscape. Know Before You Go and check for changes in levels.

Rail Ridge Fire Information:

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