

Vantage Highway Fire Update

NORTHWEST INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM 12

**Incident Commanders: Jeff Dimke and Bobby Shindelar
August 8, 2022**

The Vantage Highway Fire is located approximately 5 miles west of Vantage, WA. The Incident Command Post at the Kittitas Fairgrounds in Ellensburg is closed to all but essential personnel to help ensure the health and safety of community members and firefighters.

Weather

Today will be hot and dry, with temperatures in the mid-90s in the Cow Canyon Fire area. The National Weather Service has issued a Heat Advisory for noon today through Tuesday night. There is a chance for showers and thunderstorms Tuesday night and Wednesday.

Operations

Firefighters have made excellent progress suppressing the Vantage Highway Fire, with containment climbing to 75% today. Yesterday, fire crews patrolled around the fire and monitored for any remaining heat sources near containment lines. Resource advisors from the BLM gathered field data on the Vantage Highway Fire to help determine what post-fire restoration may be needed to protect natural resources and minimize the potential for future erosion.

With the forecasted hotter and drier weather today, there will be a strike team of engines coming into the Vantage Highway Fire that will be ready to respond to any new fire starts. Firefighting resources no longer needed on the Vantage Highway Fire have been reassigned to the Cow Canyon Fire or demobilized to rest and refurbish their equipment and be ready to assist other fires in the region.

Vantage Highway is open.

Closures

The Quilomene and Whiskey Dick wildlife area units within the L.T. Murray Wildlife Area are temporarily closed to protect public safety during the Vantage Highway Fire.



VANTAGE HIGHWAY FIRE

SIZE: 30,635 acres*

CONTAINMENT: 75%

CAUSE: Under Investigation

PERSONNEL: 117

RESOURCES:

Hand Crews: 2

FIRE INFORMATION:

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<https://www.facebook.com/cwafireinfo>

INCIWEB:

<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8303/>

TEMPORARY FLIGHT RESTRICTION

There is a Temporary Flight Restriction over the Vantage Highway Fire. Please consult the Notice to Airman for specifics. Wildfires are a No Drone Zone.

** Acres updated due to more accurate mapping.*