

Cow Canyon Fire Update

NORTHWEST INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM 12

Incident Commanders: Jeff Dimke and Bobby Shindelar
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The fire is currently located approximately 11 miles north of Naches, WA through the Manastash border of Yakima and Kittitas Counties.

Today is Northwest Incident Management Team 12's last day on the Cow Canyon Fire. Management of remaining firefighting resources will transition back to the Southeast Washington Department of Natural Resources tomorrow morning. Northwest IMT 12 would like to thank the Naches Valley School District for hosting firefighters at the Naches High and Middle Schools. We also would like to thank the Ellensburg Rodeo and Kittitas County Fairgrounds for hosting the Incident Command Post, and thank you to the local community for your support and hospitality!

Weather

The Cow Canyon Fire area will be cooler today, with temperatures in the lower 80s. A cold front will be moving through the Pacific Northwest on Saturday, bringing lower temperatures and strong and gusty winds.

Operations

Yesterday, firefighters patrolled around the fire, mopped up, and continued to work repairing fire containment lines. This work is ongoing as most of the resources on the Cow Canyon Fire are completing their last shift today. Fire crews on the Cow Canyon Fire remain ready to assist local agencies with any new fire starts in the area. Fire equipment, hoses, and all litter is being collected and removed from control lines, roads, and staging areas.

Most remaining resources on the Cow Canyon Fire will demobilize from the fire at the end of the day today; some local Department of Natural Resources firefighters and engines will remain to patrol the fire after NW IMT 12 leaves tomorrow.

Closures

In Kittitas County, Manastash Road is now open. Cove Road south of Manastash Road, and Umptanum Road south of Shushuskin Ridge Road remain closed.

In Yakima County North Wenas Road is closed at Maloy Road; Maloy Road and Audubon Roads are also closed.

Local traffic is permitted to access residences and private property. In the interest of public safety, the entire Wenas Wildlife Area, Umptanum Falls and Manastash Ridge Trail (Manastash Book) are closed.



COW CANYON FIRE

SIZE: 5,832 acres

CONTAINMENT: 80%

CAUSE: Under Investigation

PERSONNEL: 159

RESOURCES:

Hand Crews: 5

Engines: 7

Dozers: 2

Water Tenders: 4

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