

Vantage Highway Fire Update

NORTHWEST INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM 12

Incident Commanders: Jeff Dimke and Bobby Shindelar
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The Vantage Highway Fire is located approximately 5 miles west of Vantage, WA.

Today is NW 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 Kittitas School District for hosting firefighters at the Kittitas Secondary School. 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 Vantage Highway Fire area will be a little cooler today, with temperatures in the upper 80s and lower 90s. A cold front will be moving through the Pacific Northwest on Saturday, bringing lower temperatures and strong and gusty winds.

Operations

Firefighters are patrolling and working to complete any remaining repairs on fire containment lines today. Firefighters on the Vantage Highway 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 Vantage Highway 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

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.

Fire Prevention

On average, human-caused wildfires make up 87% of all wildfire occurrences annually. Many of these wildfires occur in proximity to roadways, communities, and recreational areas, posing considerable threat to public safety. Members of the community can help us by making responsible decisions when they recreate on public lands and by following public fire restrictions.



VANTAGE HIGHWAY FIRE

SIZE: 30,659 acres

CONTAINMENT: 90%

CAUSE: Under Investigation

PERSONNEL: 154

RESOURCES:

Hand Crew: 2

Engines: 5

Dozer: 1

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