



Newell Road Fire

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Morning Update, July 29, 2023

Estimated size: 60,551 acres
Containment: 94%
Start Date: July 21, 2023
Area of Origin: Klickitat County near Newell Road
Cause: Under Investigation
Structures Damaged: Currently being assessed

Total people assigned:	234
Engines:	7
Dozers:	2
Handcrews:	4
Water Tenders:	3
Skidgen:	2
Overhead:	82
Type 1 Helicopter:	2
Type 2 Helicopter:	2
Air Tankers:	As Needed

Fire Update: The Northwest Incident Management Team 8 (IMT8) will be turning over management of the fire to local fire and agency resources tomorrow morning. Each remaining agency will be providing their own resources for their assigned section of the fire, which will include patrolling and monitoring. Some smoke will likely remain visible, but if you see active fire in the coming days call 911 or the area non-emergency line (509-773-0570) and local dispatchers will direct those calls as needed – IMT8 fire information phone lines will be disconnected at 8 PM tonight, and future Facebook and email communications will be distributed through the Klickitat DEM Facebook and website.

Today's planned activity: Priorities for IMT8's final shift remain suppression repair work (dozer lines, downed fences, etc.) and monitoring/patrol activities. The spike camp at Bickleton School was closed at the end of shift yesterday. All fire personnel will be operating out of Goldendale today. Fire managers will continue to demob resources throughout the day, releasing them back to their home units or for reassignment to other fires as needed.

Evacuations: Evacuation levels were adjusted by the Klickitat County Sheriff's Office yesterday, including reduced levels in many areas. For the latest evacuation information, please see: <https://www.klickitatcounty.org/249/Emergency-Management>.

Road closure updates: As of 12:00 PM yesterday, Klickitat County Department of Emergency Management (DEM) updated the road closure conditions related to the Newell Road Fire. Please refer to the Klickitat DEM Facebook and website for the most current closure information: <https://www.klickitatcounty.org/249/Emergency-Management>.

Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR): TFR remains in place over the Newell Road Fire and will be released at end of shift today.

Sheltering: The American Red Cross in Goldendale is on standby. A second shelter, at Grandview Middle School, has been closed in response to evacuation level changes.

You Can Help

Protect Your Public Lands and Local Community

Six Ways a Vehicle Can Start a Wildfire

Exhaust Sparks - OHVs and dirt bikes must be equipped with spark arrestors.

Dragging Metal - Ensure that trailer chains and other equipment are not dragging.

Brakes - Severely worn brake pads cause metal on metal contact throwing sparks.

Tire Pressure - Under inflated tires may compress causing wheel to road/trail contact throwing sparks.

Hot Engine - Never park or drive over dry vegetation. Hot components may ignite grasses and brush.

Catalytic Converter - And other exhaust components can ignite fuels they come in contact with. They can also fail and propel white-hot pieces of metal over the terrain.

**ONE LESS
SPARK** 
ONE LESS WILDFIRE