



Newell Road Fire

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Estimated size: 59,858 acres

Containment: 20%

Start Date: July 21, 2023

Area of Origin: Klickitat County near Newell Road

Cause: Under Investigation

Structures Damaged: Currently being assessed

Total people assigned:	561
Engines:	49
Dozers:	9
Handcrews:	11
Water Tenders:	8
Overhead:	127
Type 1 Helicopter:	2
Type 2 Helicopter:	2
Air Tankers:	As Needed

Fire Update: Yesterday's strong winds persisted through the night. Night shift resources worked in the northwest corner of the fire to check-up and slow its spread out of the Walaluks Canyon towards the Dot Road area. The wind also tested control lines along the eastern and southern portions of the fire and these areas held up well, with only minor mop-up challenges.

Today's activity: Crews got an early start to take advantage of favorable morning weather conditions. Suppression efforts continue to be focused on the northwest corner of the fire, which is still seeing active fire behavior. Fire crews continue to work the northern edge of the fire near Dot Road. This afternoon the fire did spot across the road, triggering action points that increased the evacuation levels in the area. To the southwest, cold trailing efforts continue as fire personnel focus on mop-up and patrol work. Aircraft resources continue to be available to support on-the-ground operations as needed.

This morning a firefighter was injured when his tender experienced a rollover. The firefighter was treated on scene and transported by air to a hospital for further evaluation and treatment.

Evacuations and Road Closures: The fire spotting over Dot Road has increased evacuations levels – Bickleton residents are advised to evacuate north and east. For the latest evacuations, please see: <http://www.facebook.com/klickitatDEM911>

Road closures include: Roosevelt Grade Road, Middle Road, Old Highway 8 north to and including Dot Road. Also closed is Rock Creek Road, Bikelton Highway between Old Mountain Road and the county line, Highway 14 is closed except for local traffic, and Hoctor Road is closed east of Oak Flat.

Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR): TFR is in place over the Newell Road Fire. Please review the Notice to airmen in its entirety.

Sheltering: The American Red Cross has a shelter established at the Goldendale Middle School 520 E. Collins Street, Goldendale, WA. Due to the spotting across Dot Road, a second shelter has opened at Grandview Middle School: 1401 W 2nd St, Grandview, WA.