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### **Margarita Fire**

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**(MOCLIPS, Wash.)** – The Margarita Fire started August 2<sup>nd</sup> at approximately 12:30am on the Quinault reservation, approximately 1.5 miles NE of Moclips. It is mostly burning in a timber sale unit that is a mix of cedar slash and standing trees, surrounded by heavy timber. Western Washington Type 3 Incident Management Team assumed command of the fire on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

**The fire is currently 61 acres and 20% contained.** The reduction in acreage since yesterday is due to improved mapping. Crews yesterday completed fire line around the entire fire perimeter. Containment is a measure of overall progress toward a fully controlled fire. Containment of the fire will continue to increase in the coming days as firefighters continue to mop up, remove snags, and remove burnable materials inside the fire area. Mop up is extinguishing or removing burning material near fire lines, felling snags, and trenching logs to prevent rolling after an area has burned. The most secure section of the fire is along the west and north edges.

**The objective today** is to continue mopping up and improving fire lines. Additional firefighting crews and equipment arrived yesterday and will continue work through the day and night. They will lay in more water hoses and focus on mop up efforts along the south side of the fire. This ongoing work will reduce the likelihood that fire will be able to cross established fire lines, and will help to reduce residual smoke.

**The only evacuation warning is a Level 2 – Get Set – for the community of Quinault Village, also known as Moclips Estates.** Residents should have essentials packed and be ready to go if conditions change.

**Weather today** is expected to be mostly cloudy with a slight chance of light rain overnight. The high temperature is forecast to be 59 degrees. Winds will be out of the northwest at 8-13 mph.

**You can support firefighting efforts** by making your home Firewise. This includes clearing defensible space near any buildings on the property. For more information see <https://www.dnr.wa.gov/firewise>.