



Oregon Fire

UPDATE
August 30, 2023
0800 Hours

Northeast Washington Interagency
IMT Type 3, Team #3
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Incident Commander

For Immediate Release

Elk, WA, - Current Situation: Northeast WA Incident Management Team (IMT) 3 took command of the fire this morning at 6 a.m. from Pacific Northwest Incident Management Team 3 (PNW3). The two IMTs will work together again today to ensure a thorough and seamless transition.

The full suppression strategy of the fire is close to being met. Most sections of the fire are now transitioning from mop-up activities to being patrolled. Due to receiving over one inch of rain on the fire last night, air resources are being released from the incident. In the event air resources are needed they are able to be called back.

Today's activities: Across the fire perimeter and interior, successful mop-up and suppression repair will lead to more areas shifting to a patrol status. Firefighters continue to make improvements to containment lines on the east flank of the fire. This area of the perimeter will continue to make use of engines, hand crews, air assets and skidgens as needed to complete mop-up. The south, west, and north flanks of the fire will all be patrolled to seek and mop-up any hot-spots.

Disaster assistance: Resources are available through the Spokane County Disaster Assistance Center located at the Spokane Falls Community College, Building 9, 3305 W. Whistalks Way, Spokane, WA 99224 - phone: (509) 998-2750. Additional resources for property clean-up can be found at Spokane Regional Health and Spokane Air: bit.ly/44o05BX.

Evacuations: All evacuations throughout the entire fire area have been rescinded. An evacuation center for those in need remains open until there is no further need at Riverside High School 4120 E. Deer Park Milan Rd, Chattaroy, WA 99003.

Weather: Rain is likely through the day and expected to taper off during the evening. 0.5" of rain is expected over the fire through Wednesday evening. High temperatures will be nearly 20 degrees cooler and relative humidity readings will be 25 to 30 percent higher. Winds will continue to be gusty through the day with gusts up to 30 mph possible in the late morning and early afternoon.

Smoke Outlook: Washington State Department of Ecology has up to date air quality information at: enviwa.ecology.wa.gov/home/map.

For fire information contact the Public Information Officer at 509-508-3323 or email 2023.oregon@firenet.gov

Quick Facts:

Fire Size: 10,817 acres

Initial Start: 8/18/2023 at 1600 pm

Location: Approximately 4 miles northeast of Elk, WA.

Cause: Under Investigation

Containment: 79%

Resources Committed: 27 Engines, 9 Crews, 4 Bulldozers, 7 Water Tenders, 1 Skidgens

Personnel: 455

Road Closures: None