



August 22, 2023 Oregon Fire Morning Update

Size: 11,036 acres

Start Date: 18 August 2023,
1600hrs

Point of origin: Under
Investigation

Containment: 0%

Cause: Under Investigation

Total personnel: 633

Resources: 43 engines | 18 crews | 8 bulldozers | 18 water tenders | 6 helicopters

Current Situation: The strategy continues to be full suppression with direct attack efforts where possible and 24-hour staffing. Firefighting resources are still expected to arrive throughout the day as they are released from other incidents in the area. Activities in the previous 24 hours included structure protection, line construction and direct suppression utilizing engines, hand crews, bulldozers, helicopters and airplanes.

Please note: the phone number for public information regarding the Oregon Fire has changed to 509-508-3323 and the email is now 2023.oregon@firenet.gov.

Today's activities: Priorities for the next few days are structure protection, mop-up activities around structures and to minimize acres burned through fire line construction. Firefighters will continue to construct and connect fire line to the existing roads on the southern and eastern flank of the fire. Mop-up and line strengthening efforts will take place on the western and northern flanks. Engines, hand crews and bulldozers will be active on all segments of the fire perimeter engaging in fire line construction and fortification. A dedicated structure group of engines and water tenders will be engaged with structure protection and damage assessments. Air assets will support ground activities as weather allows.

Evacuations: Level 3 Evacuations (Go – Leave Immediately) are still in effect for areas east and southeast of Elk. See the attached map. For updated evacuation maps of Spokane County are available here www.facebook.com/GEGEmergencyMgt and for evacuation maps of Pend Oreille County are here www.facebook.com/pocsheriff. The situation can change rapidly due to weather and other factors, please check these two sources of information regularly for the most up to date information. The evacuation center is currently located at Riverside High School 4120 E. Deer Park Milan Rd, Chattaroy, WA 99003.

Weather: Remnants of Hurricane Hilary are expected to travel through northeast Washington beginning on Tuesday morning. Isolated showers delivering between .25 to .5 inches of rain is expected in the area between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. today. It is currently raining across the fire area.

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

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