



Gray Fire Quick Facts

Start Date: August 18, 2023

Cause: Under Investigation

Incident Commander:

Nate LeFevre
Northwest Team 7

Approx. Size: 10,085 ac.

Containment: 93%

Total Personnel: 307

Location: Medical Lake, WA

Resources:

4 Crews

32 Engines

8 Water Tenders

1 Excavators

Gray Fire Update: Friday, September 1, 2023

Northeast Washington Team 3 will assume command of the Gray Fire from outgoing Northwest Team 7 on Saturday afternoon. A contingent of engines and firefighters will remain on the Gray Fire through the weekend to complete mop up and rehabilitation work. Continued cool, wet weather is assisting firefighters but they are still finding and extinguishing scattered pockets of heat and smoldering debris. Around 307 personnel are assigned to the incident as of Friday morning, but that number will continue to drop as resources are demobilized and assigned to other incidents.

Evacuations: On Wednesday afternoon, evacuation levels were dropped from a Level 2 to a Level 1 within the fire perimeter and were removed entirely outside the burned areas. Evacuation maps are posted on the Gray Fire Inciweb page and Spokane County's Emergency Management Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/GEGEmergencyMgt.>

Yesterday's activities: On Thursday, wildland fire crews continued work to clean up equipment and flagging left in place during the suppression effort, to rehabilitate dozer lines, mitigate any hazard trees, and extinguish isolated pockets of burning material. Thursday was the final night shift.

Today's activities will be a continuation of mopping up and rehabilitating fire suppression impacts.

Weather and Fuels: Temperatures are expected to rebound back into the upper 70s on Friday and into the lower 80s on Saturday. Winds will be light from the northeast into Saturday morning then shifting to the southwest on Saturday afternoon. Fuel moisture levels have risen significantly which has minimized fire spread potential. Remaining pockets of interior heat with continued creeping and smoldering are possible. Fuels in dry areas, such as under tree canopies or matted grasses, will continue to smolder and may produce light smoke.

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](https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prevent-wildfire).

Prepare your property, Protect you neighbors. <https://wildfireready.dnr.wa.gov/>

Be wildfire aware! Avoid activities that can cause an accidental spark.

<https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prevent-wildfire>.

The Gray Fire is a No Drone Zone. Remember, if you fly, we can't!
https://www.faa.gov/uas/resources/community_engagement/no_drone_zone

Gray Fire Information and Links

Phone: 509-903-5563, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Inciweb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/wanes-gray-fire>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/newfireinfo>

Interactive Evacuation Map: <https://arcg.is/1z98v10>

WA DOT Highway Updates: <https://wsdot.com/Travel/Real-time/Map/>

Washington Smoke Blog: <https://wasmoke.blogspot.com/>

Spokane Co. Emergency Management: 1121 W. Gardner Ave., Spokane; 509-477-3046
<https://www.spokanecounty.org/4579/Emergency-Management>

Red Cross: 315 W. Nora Ave., Spokane; 509-326-3330
<https://www.redcross.org/local/washington/get-help.html>

Avista Power & Gas: 1411 E. Mission Ave, Spokane; 800-227-9187
<https://www.myavista.com/outages/outage-faqs>

Inland Power: 10110 W. Hallett Rd, Spokane: 509-747-7151
<https://www.inlandpower.com/outages-emergencies>

City of Medical Lake Public Utilities: 851 S. Lefevre St, 509-299-7715
<https://medical-lake.org/utilities/>

WA Dept. of Social and Health Services: 877-501-2233
<https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/community-services-offices/community-services-office>

Spokane County Sheriff: 1100 W. Mallon Ave, Spokane; 509-477-2240
<https://www.spokanecounty.org/938/Sheriff-Services>

Spokane County Fire, Dist. 3: 10 S. Presley Dr, Spokane; 509-235-6645
<https://www.scf3.org/>