



Oregon Fire

UPDATE
September 2, 2023
0800 Hours

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

For Immediate Release

Elk, WA, - Current Situation: The Type 3 Northeast WA Incident Management Team (IMT) 3 is in command of the Oregon Fire. The fire continues to remain within the current footprint with no further growth. The current strategy remains full suppression. The current strategy is close to being met and is moving into repair of fire lines. Firefighters are expected to continue working on the fire for the next two weeks.

Northeast WA IMT Team 3 will take command of the Gray Fire located near Medical Lake, WA today at 7pm. Incident commander Andrew Stenbeck will lead both the Oregon Fire and the Gray Fire.

Today's activities: Firefighters will continue to build upon their success from yesterday as they continue to mop-up and ensure there are no sources of heat near the fire's perimeter or structures. Suppression repair work will continue throughout the fire area.

Disaster assistance: The Disaster Assistance Center located at the Spokane Falls Community College, Building 9, 3305 W. Whistalks Way, Spokane, WA 99224 has closed. With the Disaster Assistance Center closed, people affected by the wildfires can contact the represented organizations directly. Please visit Spokane County Emergency Management website for the contact information for the agencies and organizations.

Evacuations: All evacuations throughout the entire fire area have been rescinded. The Red Cross evacuation center located at Riverside High School 4120 E. Deer Park Milan Rd, Chattaroy, WA 99003 has been closed down.

Weather: A slightly warmer and drier day is expected Saturday with light winds and relatively fair humidity values. Sunday will bring increasing chances of rain showers to the fire with up to 0.10". Temperatures will be the warmest Saturday before cooling back to seasonal normal temperatures through the following week.

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: 86%

Resources Committed:
25 Engines, 6 Crews, 1 Bulldozer, 5 Water Tenders, 2 Skidgen

Personnel: 280

Damage Assessment: 126 primary homes and 258 outbuildings destroyed.

Road Closures: None