



Oregon Fire

UPDATE
September 3, 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 3 took command of the Gray Fire last night at 6 p.m. from Northwest Incident Management Team 7 through a seamless transition. Northeast WA Incident Management Team 3 will manage both the Oregon and Gray Fire until work is complete.

The Oregon Fire continues to remain within the current footprint with no further growth. The current strategy remains full suppression. Firefighters continue to work diligently to meet the objective of the current strategy and are expected to continue their efforts over the next two weeks.

Today's activities: Firefighters continue to build upon their success from yesterday to seek out remaining hot spots and mop-up the fires perimeter as well as the interior around structures. Mop-up and suppression repair will continue across all divisions of the fire.

Disaster assistance: 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Evacuations: All evacuations throughout the entire fire area have been rescinded.

Weather: Moisture content will remain elevated over the area into Monday. A weak weather system passing through on Sunday will bring a 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms mainly during the afternoon and evening hours.

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: 88%

Resources Committed:
26 Engines, 6 Crews, 1 Bulldozer, 7 Water Tenders, 2 Skidgen

Personnel: 263

Damage Assessment: 126 primary homes and 258 outbuildings destroyed.

Road Closures: None