



Oregon Fire

UPDATE
September 5, 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 is in command of the Oregon and Gray fires. The Oregon Fire continues to remain within the current footprint with no further growth, the strategy remains full suppression and work is progressing as expected. Northeast WA Incident Management Team 3 will continue their efforts with local resources through next week.

Today's activities: Mop-up, patrol and suppression repair will continue across all divisions of the fire. Handheld Infrared will be utilized to survey the fire area to continue to seek out remaining sources of heat. More resources are planned to be released today as the team continuously works to right size the incident.

Evacuations: All evacuations throughout the entire fire area have been rescinded.

Weather: A subtle warming and drying trend will begin on Tuesday and continue through the week. Look for mid and high-level clouds passing through in the morning giving way to fair afternoon cumulus. Winds will be light and variable in the early morning with speeds generally under 10mph. the drying of the airmass will equate to cooler morning lows in the 40's while highs rebound in the 70's.

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: Human

Containment: 90%

Resources Committed:
18 Engines, 4 Crews, 1
Bulldozer, 6 Water Tenders,
2 Skidgens

Personnel: 213

Damage Assessment: 126
primary homes and 258
outbuildings destroyed.

Road Closures: None