NORTHEAST WASHINGTON INTERAGENCY



Incident Management Team

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Fire Information Center: Call or Text 509-990-6218

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Drone usage is prohibited around a wildfire. Flying of Drones around a wildfire will prevent helicopters and fixed wing aircraft from flying and assisting in suppressing the wildfire.

Carlton, WA - The Gold Creek fire is located approximately 3.25 miles south of Carlton, WA. This fire was reported at about 4:46 pm on Saturday June 22nd, 2024 and has burned approximately 200 acres in very steep and rugged terrain.

Evacuations: Level 2 Evacuations: Please see the website below Road Closures: Gold Creek Rd at Gold Creek Loop Rd. Local Residents Only: Gold Creek, South Fork, and Middle Fork.

If homeowners feel threaten by fire they should evacuate immediately, there may be no formal notice that you need to evacuate. As the weather changes today fire behavior will rapidly change.

Updated evacuation maps visit:

www.okanogancounty.org/government/emergency management/active incidents.php

Please also follow the fire on Inciweb:

https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wanec-gold-creek

Sunday, Sunday afternoon the SE portion of the fire spread about 60 acres. Air Resources were used throughout the day to support firefighters' effort, over 16 different aircraft engaged the fire including 7 helicopters and 9 fixed wing aircraft. Firefighters completed containment lines around 70% of fire. Local fire district personnel provided structure protection along State Route 153 and Gold Creek Road.

<u>Sunday Night</u>, Fire crews focused on structure protection and constructing containment lines.

| Quick Facts Gold Creek Fire | |
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| Incident Start: | June 22nd, 2024 |
| Incident Approx Size: | 200 acres |
| Fire Containme nt: | 0% Contained |
| Assigned Resources on the Incident | Hand Crews: 4 Engines: 10 Dozers: 2 Water Tenders: 3 Falling Mods: 2 Helicopters: 7 Planes: 9 |
| Total Personnel on Incident: | 139 |
| Hazards | Steep Terrain Falling Trees Traffic |
| Fire Cause: | Under Investigation |
| Evacuation Orders: | Level 2, see attached map. https://www.okanoganco unty.org/government/eme rgency_management/acti ve_incidents.php |

Monday, Firefighters will focus on completing containment lines along the SE portion of the fire. Mop-up will begin around structures. Air resources will be available to support firefighters' efforts if needed.