

Incident Management Team

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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 277 acres in very steep and rugged terrain.

Evacuations: Level 1 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. Homeowners need to be aware of changes in weather. This can have an impact on fire behavior.

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

**Tuesday**, the fire was creeping and smoldering all day until around 11 am at which point the fire activity did increase on the north side of the mountain, Helicopters responded and assisted firefighters in knocking down the flare up. There were no other flare ups during the shift. Hand Crews continued burnout operations and completed containment lines. Hand crews and engine crews continued to mop-up around structures and fire permitter. Aircraft was available for support.

**Wednesday,** crews will be working on installing hose lines and establishing several water supplies on the fire. Mop-up around structures is a top priority. A big concern for today is possible thunderstorms and rain arriving.

Quick Facts Gold Creek Fire	
Incident Start:	June 22nd, 2024
Incident Approx Size:	277 acres
Fire Containment:	40% Contained
Assigned Resources on the Incident	Hand Crews: 6 Engines: 8 Dozers: 3 Water Tenders: 3 Falling Mods: 2
Total Personnel on Incident:	176
Hazards	Steep Terrain Falling Trees Traffic
Fire Cause:	Equipment
Evacuation Orders:	Level 1, see attached map. https://www.okanoganco unty.org/government/eme rgency_management/acti ve_incidents.php

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