



Microwave Tower Fire Daily Update

July 26, 2024

Fire Information: Phone: (541)-208-1744 daily from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

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Microwave Fire Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/2024MicrowaveTowerFire/>

InciWeb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/or954s-microwave-tower>

53% Contained	131 personnel	762 Acres	5 miles west, southwest of Mosier, OR	Burning in brush, timber, and grass
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Highlights

Firefighters have made significant progress, with most of the southern fireline now contained. Crews will be mopping up this area by extinguishing any remaining hot spots, turning over smoldering debris and stirring with water.

On the northeast side, last night's successful firing operations in the grass are helping secure fire lines. Due to inaccessible areas and steep terrain, firing operations remain the safest and most effective strategy to remove fuels and prevent the spread of the fire. Today, firefighters will continue these firing operations along the northern edge, utilizing the dozer line, the Columbia River Highway State Trail, and rocky areas, tying it in with the fire that has already reached the trail, securing it all the way from east to west.

Strategic firing operations are strengthening this line, which will increase smoke and may make flames visible. Once completed, this will reduce fuel and lower the risk of fire spread.

Fire Behavior

The fire shows low to moderate activity with creeping, smoldering and backing downslope toward containment lines. Mid-day, more smoke is expected in the area from the firing operations.

Slight weather changes are anticipated, with temperatures in the upper 70s, lower relative humidity, and lighter winds. Fuels remain critically dry and receptive to burning.

Evacuations

Existing Level 3, 2 and 1 evacuations on the east side remain in place. For updated information please follow <https://www.facebook.com/WascoCountySheriff>. The evacuation preparedness level remains at Level 1 on the west side, please follow <https://www.facebook.com/hrcso>. The Red Cross center is available at the Hood River Middle School for anyone needing a place to go.

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