



## Microwave Tower Fire Update Monday, July 29, 2024

### Central Cascades Interagency Management Team

**Incident Commander:** Jeremy Goers

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**Current Stats:** 1,306 acres, 53% contained, 126 personnel assigned to the incident.

### Highlights

The Central Cascades Interagency Management Team, led by Incident Commander Jeremy Goers, assumed command of the Microwave Fire today. Yesterday, helicopters, scoopers, dozers, engines and crews worked on the north side of the fire to stop the fire's growth to the east and west below the historic Columbia River Highway State Trail. On both the northeastern and northwestern sides of the fire, aircraft was utilized for water drops to help cool the fire as crews worked to complete fire line from the Columbia River Highway State Trail down to Interstate 84.

### Operations

Crews will install hose around the fire and utilize water to further secure the north side of the fire. Aircraft will be used to cool hotspots along the northeastern edge. On the southern edge of the fire, crews will continue to patrol the area.

### Fire Behavior and Weather

The fire area is receiving light rain this morning. This will help moderate fire behavior today. There will still be a chance for low to moderate fire behavior. Expect smoke impacts to Interstate 84 and surrounding communities. The fire has reached the interstate. If driving through the area, please use extreme caution as firefighters and aircraft are still working in the area.

### Road Conditions

To stay informed on the most up-to-date road conditions on Interstate 84, visit <https://tripcheck.com/>

### Evacuations

Existing Level 3, 2 and 1 evacuations on the east side of the fire area remain in place. For updated information please follow <https://www.facebook.com/WascoCountySheriff>. Stay informed through official channels for the latest updates.

Existing Level 2 and 1 evacuations on the west side of the fire area remain in place. Please follow <https://www.facebook.com/hrcso> for additional information. The Red Cross center is available at the Hood River Middle School for anyone needing a place to go.

### Additional Information

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

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

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