



Big Horn Fire - Update

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2:00 PM, July 28, 2024

Estimated size: 50,061 acres

Containment: 52%

Start Date/Time: 7/22/2024 at 1:07 PM

Area of Origin: 7 miles SE of Bickleton, WA

Cause: Undetermined

Structures Damaged: 4

Update: With today's cooler, but windier conditions, crews will continue to mop-up hot spots and will be working to improve already constructed containment lines and increase the percentage of containment.

Overnight operations had a night of cooler temperatures with minimal winds. Crews worked on several hot spots in the Alder Creek and Pine Creek drainages throughout the night. Nighttime operations bring the ability to better visualize some areas of smoldering fuels.

Today the fire will also be utilizing Unmanned Aviation Support (UAS) to help provide infrared analysis of different areas of the fire. This helps firefighting crews locate areas of high heat and threats to containment lines. Crews are also preparing for gusty winds throughout the day and are ready for hot spots that may cause problems.

Evacuation Levels: There is no change in evacuation levels. Please visit Klickitat County Emergency Management's website or check Facebook for the most current information:

- <https://www.klickitatcounty.org/249/Emergency-Management>
- <https://www.facebook.com/KlickitatDEM911>

Road Closures: The west-bound shoulder of Highway 14 will be closed, please drive with caution as firefighters are working in the area. Alderdale Road from Linda Lane south to the intersection of Highway 14 remains closed.

Weather and Fire Behavior: Cooler temps will prevail across the incident through the weekend. Winds are forecast to be 12 to 20 mph with gusts up to 28 mph later in the day.

Smoke: [Satellite imagery](#) shows large swaths of smoke across the region. With the large number of fires in the Pacific NW and continued westerly flow, smoke impacts should be expected in central and eastern Washington through the weekend. New Air



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Quality Alerts are in place for Klickitat, Benton, Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield, and Asotin counties. If you are near fire locations, please stay up to date on evacuation orders.

While there are no current air quality alerts for Klickitat County, communities close to active wildfires could see air quality worsen as the fire and wind conditions change. Critical fire weather continues across Central and Eastern Washington; please continue to recreate responsibly as any fire starts could spread quickly. For more information on smoke and air quality, please visit: [Washington Smoke Information \(wasmoke.blogspot.com\)](http://wasmoke.blogspot.com)

Resources: 34 engines, 11 water tenders, 4 dozers, 3 hand crews, 1 UAS module, 204 personnel total.

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