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<b>Fire start date:</b> August 5, 2024	<b>Location:</b> 3.5 miles northwest of Trout Lake, Washington	<b>Cause:</b> Lightning
<b>Fire size:</b> 11,149	<b>Percent Contained:</b> 2	<b>Full Suppression Fire</b>
<b>Hand Crews:</b> 9	<b>21 Engines and 9 Dozers</b>	<b>Total personnel:</b> 547

## Williams Mine Fire Update for Thursday, August 15, 2024

### KEY MESSAGES:

A community meeting will be held today at 7:00 pm at the Trout Lake Volunteer Fire Department, 2415 WA-141, Trout Lake, WA 98650. This meeting will be recorded and posted to the Williams Mine Fire Facebook page for those unable to attend. The community will be provided a briefing by the Incident Management Team and Agency Administrators from local units on fire objectives and operations.

Evacuations in the Trout Lake area have been lowered. Former Level 3 evacuations are now at a Level 2, and former Level 2 evacuations are now at a Level 1. Residents are encouraged to remain prepared to evacuate if conditions change. Evacuations are coordinated through the [Klickitat County Sheriff's Office](#) and the [Skamania County Sheriff's Office](#).

### CURRENT STATUS:

An unmanned aerial system (UAS) with infrared capabilities will arrive on the fire today. This aircraft will assist firefighters by providing better mapping capabilities to enhance containment efforts.

A slopover was detected where the fire had breached containment lines on the southern perimeter. A dozer was routed to tie in line to the existing road to provide additional control options from the slop over. Dozer line was also completed around Snipes Mountain and tactical firing operations may be utilized to further secure perimeter security.

Today, crews continue to monitor the fire perimeter along the 020 road as masticators are prepping the 101 road for indirect containment opportunities. The structure group, including an engine from the Trout Lake Fire Department, completed assessments of structures on the southern end of the fire.

### WEATHER / FIRE BEHAVIOR:

There will be a chance for thunderstorms today, beginning in the late afternoon, primarily around the northeast side of Mount Adams. The atmosphere will be more unstable today than in previous days, with increased cloud cover, decreased temperatures, and the potential for plume development. The chance of thunderstorms is also forecasted for the weekend, with the potential for the area to also receive precipitation.

### SAFETY AND CLOSURES:

Scooper planes continue to dip out of Swift Reservoir and the Columbia River between Memaloose Island and Lyle, Washington. Members of the public and recreators should be aware that scooper planes could approach and dip out of these water sources at any time as weather conditions allow for aviation operations.

Washington DNR managed lands near Trout Lake and Glenwood are closed to entry due to the Williams Mine fire. For more information, please see <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/ahtanum>. The Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Tract D Recreation Area is closed, please see [Yakama Tract D Road Closure](#) for more information. Level 1 & 2 evacuations are in effect for the community of Trout Lake, and parts of Klickitat County. Evacuations are coordinated through the [Klickitat County Sheriff's Office](#) and the [Skamania County Sheriff's Office](#). The FS-23 and FS-25 roads are closed, see the [Williams Mine Area and Road Closure](#) for more details. The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) is closed from the PCT's intersection with FS 23 to Potato Hill. The current area closure spans the entire Mt. Adams Wilderness.

**Public information:** <https://linktr.ee/williamsminefire>  
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