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News Release – Lower Granite Fire

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Pomeroy, WA: The Lower Granite Fire started about 11:42am on July 29th, 2024.

Today at 8:00 am fire evacuation levels were downgraded to level 1.

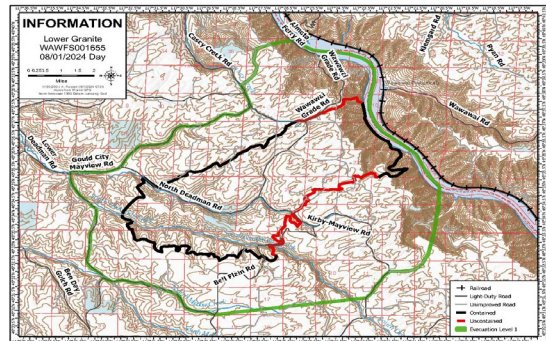
Fire Actively: Crews worked overnight and throughout the day on the south flank on Wawawai Grade Road, and along the south flank on Kirby-Mayview Road trailing along the fire line 100 feet and checking structures for continued heat 300 feet round the perimeters.

Around 1 pm this afternoon, fire crews reported increased fire activity in the canyon between the Uplands and Snake River area. Smoke was visible as fire crews engaged these flareups with in the canyon. Aviation assets performed water drops, as hand crews and water tankers monitored, and secured the perimeter preventing embers from breaching the Uplands plain. Crews will monitor the canyon overnight for hotspots and flare ups. Additionally, hand crews equipped with Infrared technology will check the containment line for active hotspots. Infrared scans performed last night indicated a significant decrease in hotspot activity leading to an increase in the overall fire containment.

Current evacuations are updated on the Garfield County Sheriff's Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/GarfieldCountySheriff>

Quick Facts	
Lower Granite Summary	
Approximate Size	14,482 acres
Containment	Overall: 50%
Resources on Fire	1- 20 Person Hand Crew 12 - Firefighting Engines 3 - Water Tenders 1 - Helicopter (Type 2)
Total Personnel	144
Fire Danger	Extreme
Values at Risk	Farmland/Grain Crops, Rangeland/Cattle, Structures, Power Infrastructure



PUBLIC AND FIRE FIGHTER SAFETY IS THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY

Do not enter into the burn area of the fire. Fire weakened trees can fall suddenly and hot deep ash pits can cause severe burns and are present within the burned area.



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