



Northern Rockies

Complex Interagency Management Team 2

Scott Schuster – Incident Commander



Microwave Tower Fire Daily Update

August 7, 2024

Size: 1,313 acres

Cause: Undetermined

Containment: 89%

Start Date: July 22, 2024

Location: 5 miles west of Mosier, OR

Fuels: Brush, timber, and grass

Highlights:

Pockets of vegetation and debris continue to burn within the fire's perimeter, producing smoke which may be visible while traveling on Interstate 84. Please use caution when venturing along this area. No perimeter growth has been observed. For questions or concerns about the fire or smoke, please call the fire information line at 541-208-1744.

Operations:

Rising temperatures coupled with low relative humidities may contribute to a slight increase in fire activity within the interior of the fire. Along the steep northern section, as vegetation burns it can break loose, roll downhill and ignite additional material. This has been occurring within the fire's perimeter and crews are monitoring and extinguishing hot spots where accessible by hand or utilizing a system of hose lays and sprinklers.

Crews will continue to patrol and mop-up uncontained fire lines to secure the edge. Fire crews continue to repair damages and minimize potential soil erosion and other impacts resulting from firefighting activities. These activities repair the hand and dozer lines, roads, and trails used during firefighting activities to return disturbed areas to a more natural state. Please stay out of these areas as it impedes firefighters ability to do their work.

Fire Behavior and Weather:

Breezy, sunny and warmer weather is expected today. A ridge of high pressure will build later in the week to bring warmer temperatures and dry conditions.

Evacuations:

Level 2 and 1 evacuations remain in effect for Wasco County: <https://www.facebook.com/WascoCountySheriff>

Level 1 evacuations remain in effect for Hood River County: <https://www.facebook.com/hrcso>

Road and Trail Closures:

For public and firefighter safety, closures are in place for The Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail and for roads in Hood River County. Details of these closures are available on their websites:

<https://www.hoodrivercounty.gov/closures> and <https://stateparks.oregon.gov/>

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

Total Fire Resources Assigned:

- Approx. 58 personnel, 1 hand crew, 4 engines, 1 water tender, 1 skidder.

Contact Information:

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