



Retreat Fire

Washington State Department of National Resources
Okanagan-Wenatchee National Forest
Yakima County Yakima County Fire District 3
Bureau of Reclamation Columbia-Cascade

Fire Information: 509-213-4890 Email: 2024.retreat@firenet.gov
inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wases-retreat

August 9, 2024

California Team 14, Incident Commander James Snow

Location: 14 miles southwest of Naches, WA

Start Date: July 23, 2024

Cause: Under Investigation

Size: 45,588 acres

Containment: 63%

Resources: 549 Total Personnel; 4 Dozers; 9 Hand Crews; 53 Engines

KEY MESSAGES:

The Highway 12 corridor remains closed to public travel for both firefighter and public safety reasons. Large fire-weakened hazard trees continue to pose a risk of falling on the highway at unexpected times. Hot spots remain along the Highway 12 corridor, which is expected to remain closed for several days.

CURRENT STATUS:

California Complex Incident Management Team 14 is managing the Retreat Fire under a full suppression strategy, prioritizing public and firefighter safety. Firefighters are progressing well with perimeter control.

Yesterday, mop-up work continued along the fire's northeast, east, and south sides. Firefighters will continue patrolling these areas to ensure no heat or fire threatens the line. Crews will also continue to extinguish hot spots where needed. The remaining heat is mainly on the fire's timbered west side, and crews focus on containing these areas. The heavy equipment group continues constructing the shaded fuel break along an interior road parallel to Forest Roads 1200 and 1201. This shaded fuel break will function as an alternate control line. In the southwest corner of the fire, crews continue to mop up and patrol around the structures at Camp Ghormley, Lost Lake Road, and along the Highway 12 corridor.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR:

On Friday, northeast to southeast winds will be somewhat stronger and gustier than earlier in the week as a low-pressure system approaches. There is a risk of thunderstorms today, tonight, and all-day Saturday.

Fuels are unseasonably dry across the fire area. Today, fire will continue to burn in pockets throughout the interior, and smoke will remain visible. Firefighters will be looking for spot fires that could occur with today's gusty winds.

CLOSURES AND EVACUATIONS:

For the most up-to-date information on evacuations, please visit Yakima County Emergency Management located at this link: [Yakima Emergency Management website](#).

- US Hwy 12 remains closed between the Y at Hwy 410 and the summit of the Pass at milepost 151.

- Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Retreat Fire Closure: www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/okawen/alerts-notices/?aid=89192.

- The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Southeast Region has temporarily closed the Ahtanum State Forest due to increased activity from the adjacent Retreat Fire burning near Rimrock Lake. The public can access the most up-to-date closure information at www.dnr.wa.gov/ahtanum.

- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has closed the majority of the Oak Creek Wildlife Area to public access due to the Retreat Fire until August 23 to ensure public safety and facilitate firefighting efforts. More information can be found at [Wildlife Areas | Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife](#).

AIR QUALITY AND SMOKE

Air quality and smoke conditions and smoke outlooks can be found at <https://www.airnow.gov/>