

Retreat Fire Update

Sunday, August 11, 2024



Fire Information: 509-213-4890, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Email: 2024.Retreat@firenet.gov

Linktree: linktr.ee/CIIMT14

Total Acres: 45,601 acres

Containment: 66%

Total Personnel: 538

Current Situation: The Highway 12 corridor remains closed to public travel for firefighter and public safety. Large fire weakened trees continue to pose a risk of falling on the highway at unexpected times. Smoldering hot spots remain along the highway corridor and are expected to remain for several more days.

California Complex Incident Management Team 14 is managing the Retreat Fire under a full suppression strategy, prioritizing public and firefighter safety.

Firefighters continue to focus on securing the control lines to ensure no heat or fire threatens the line. Crews will also continue to extinguish hotspots where needed. Isolated heat sources will be extinguished where it is safe to insert firefighters. Heavy equipment crews continue work on the shaded fuel break near Forest Roads 1200 and 1201. The shaded fuel break will be an alternative control line to protect structures in the Rimrock Lake area. Firefighters continue to mop up and patrol around the structures at Camp Ghormley, Lost Lake Road, and the Highway 12 corridor.

Firefighters and local agencies have begun identifying the need for fire suppression repair work and will be working on a plan to complete the work in the coming weeks.

Weather: After this last round of thunderstorms, a cool westerly flow has set up. This will bring a cooling trend and increased afternoon humidity, along with some improvement in overnight humidity recovery. Northwest wind will start increasing Monday, after some very weak winds over the weekend.

Evacuations: For the most up-to-date information on evacuations, please visit the Yakima County Emergency Management website at yakimacounty.us/350.

Fire Closures:

- US Highway 12 remains closed between the Y at Highway 410 and the summit of the pass at milepost 151.
- Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Retreat Fire Closure (tinyurl.com/5ext5aec).
- The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Southeast Region has temporarily closed part of the Ahtanum State Forest. The public can access the most up-to-date closure information at 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, 2024. More information can be found at tinyurl.com/bdet7845.

Air Quality and Smoke: Air quality and smoke condition outlooks can be found at airnow.gov.