

# Retreat Fire Update

Monday, August 12, 2024



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

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**Linktree:** [linktr.ee/CIIMT14](https://linktr.ee/CIIMT14)

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**Total Acres:** 45,601 acres

**Containment:** 70%

**Total Personnel:** 412

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**Current Situation:** Fire activity continued to moderate yesterday while firefighters made great progress in expanding containment on the Retreat Fire. California Complex Incident Management Team 14 is managing the Retreat Fire under a full suppression strategy, prioritizing public and firefighter safety.

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.

Firefighters continue to focus on securing the control lines to ensure no heat or fire threatens the line. Isolated heat sources will be extinguished where it is safe to insert firefighters. Heavy equipment crews have constructed the shaded fuel break up to the point where it is safe to do so with equipment. Hand Crews are being inserted near Forest Roads 1200 and 1201 to continue working on and completing the shaded fuel break. The shaded fuel break will be an alternative control line to protect structures in the Rimrock Lake area. Firefighters will continue to patrol the areas of 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:** Stable cool and humid air made it over the Cascades. This will keep the humidity high and temperatures cooler. Consistent northwest flow also continues over the region. Temperatures will continue to drop over the next few days.

**Evacuations:** For the most up-to-date information on evacuations, please visit the Yakima County Emergency Management website at [yakimacounty.us/350](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://tinyurl.com/bdet7845).

**Air Quality and Smoke:** Air quality and smoke condition outlooks can be found at [airnow.gov](https://airnow.gov).