

# Retreat Fire Update

Wednesday, August 14, 2024



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Fire Information: [linktr.ee/CIIMT14](http://linktr.ee/CIIMT14)

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**Total Acres:** 45,601 acres

**Containment:** 70%

**Total Personnel:** 372

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**Current Situation:** Firefighters continue to secure, mop up, and patrol fire lines around the Retreat Fire and are finalizing an alternative control line (shaded fuel break) along Forest Roads 1200 and 1201 to protect structures in the Rimrock Lake area. They are beginning to fell hazard trees along internal road systems to allow greater access across the fire and patrol the fire perimeter. Crews are removing unneeded equipment and fire hose from the fireline and beginning fire suppression repair (road grading, hazard tree felling, and dozer line repair) where they are confident the fire is fully contained. Some firefighting resources (equipment, engines, crews) are shifting to the Lodgepole Fire near Lodgepole campground on Highway 410.

Along State Highway 12, Washington Department of Transportation crews are working to replace guard rails and signs damaged by the fire, as this highway remains a top priority so it can be opened and evacuation orders lifted as soon as possible.

The control objective for the Retreat Fire is to keep the fire contained within the natural and constructed control features while prioritizing public and firefighter safety.

**Weather:** With a low pressure trough approaching the west coast today, winds will shift and start coming from the south east later today. Winds will be moderated compared to the last couple of days. There is little change in minimum humidity (30-40%) and temperatures (mid-60's) over the fire area from yesterday.

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

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