

Retreat Fire Update

Thursday, August 15, 2024



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Fire Information: linktr.ee/CIIMT14

Total Acres: 45,601 acres

Containment: 70%

Total Personnel: 367

Current Situation: As firefighters patrol control lines around the perimeter of the Retreat Fire, they continue to find and extinguish a few areas of smoldering fuels. The shaded fuel break along Forest Roads 1200 and 1201 to protect structures in the Rimrock Lake area, is complete and fuels (logs and brush) removed from along these roads are being moved off site. Crews are falling hazard trees along internal road systems within the fire perimeter to provide for safer 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.

Along State Highway 12, Washington Department of Transportation crews continue 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: Increasing clouds over the fire area today with a 20% chance of thunderstorms this afternoon. Wind may gust up to 30 mph around thunderstorms. Slight decrease in minimum humidity (30-39%) and slight increase in high temperatures (70's) over the fire area compared to yesterday.

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.