



Central Cascades Interagency Management Team

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Microwave Tower Fire Daily Update

August 2, 2024

Size: 1,311 acres
Cause: Undetermined
Containment: 84%

Start Date: July 22, 2024
Location: 5 miles west of Mosier, OR
Fuels: Brush, timber, and grass

Highlights:

Crews were successful with tactical firing of interior pockets yesterday. This tactic was used to decrease the amount of unburned vegetation and will help decrease the amount of active fire and smoke within the perimeter. Firefighters continued mopping up along the fire line and were able to increase containment to 84%.

Operations:

Yesterday, crews monitored and patrolled the fire's perimeter. Along the southern line, engine crews mopped up an interior hot spot burning in mixed conifer fuel type. On the northwestern line, terrain is steep with rolling rocks and debris hazards. Hand crews mopped up as needed and where safety permitted. The fire line was improved along the northeastern edge of the fire.

Today, crews will continue to monitor the entire fire's perimeter to ensure continued security of lines, extinguish hot spots where accessible, and work to increase containment from Old Hwy 30 to I-84.

Fire Behavior and Weather:

Hot and dry conditions are forecasted again for today, and residual pockets of vegetation will continue to burn producing visible smoke and potential flames. Drivers are asked to please use caution on Interstate 84 as firefighters are still working in the area.

Evacuations:

Level 2 and 1 evacuations remain in effect for Wasco County: <https://www.facebook.com/WascoCountySheriff>
Level 1 evacuations remain in effect for Hood River County: <https://www.facebook.com/hrcso>

Road and Trail Closures:

For public and firefighter safety, closures are in place for The Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail and for roads in Hood River County. Details of these closures are available on their websites:

<https://www.hoodrivercounty.gov/closures> and <https://stateparks.oregon.gov/>

To stay informed on the most up-to-date road conditions on Interstate 84, visit <https://tripcheck.com/>

Total Fire Resources Assigned:

- Approx. 123 personnel, 4 hand crews, 9 engines, 2 water tenders, 3 dozers, and 1 skidder.

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