



Central Cascades Interagency Management Team

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Microwave Tower Fire Daily Update

August 1, 2024

Size: 1,311 acres

Cause: Undetermined

Containment: 79%

Start Date: July 22, 2024

Location: 5 miles west of Mosier, OR

Fuels: Brush, timber, and grass

Highlights:

Firefighters were able to achieve containment along the west and east lines and along Interstate 84 increasing containment to 79%. The fire size remains at 1,311 acres. Hot and dry conditions are forecasted for today and residual pockets of vegetation will continue to burn producing visible flame and smoke.

Operations:

Today, crews may conduct a tactical burning operation on an interior island of green vegetation. Mosier and the surrounding communities will see a temporary increase in the amount of smoke within the fire area.

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:

Record high temperatures are expected and a heat advisory has been issued. Fuels will be dry and interior pockets of unburnt vegetation may produce smoke. 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 Wasco County: <https://www.facebook.com/WascoCountySheriff>

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

Road and Trail Closures:

For public and firefighter safety, there are closures 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. 167 personnel, 4 hand crews, 9 engines, 2 water tenders, 2 dozers, and 1 skidder.

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