



Northern Rockies

Complex Interagency Management Team 2

Scott Schuster – Incident Commander



Microwave Tower Fire Daily Update

August 6, 2024

Size: 1,313 acres
Cause: Undetermined
Containment: 89%

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

Highlights:

Within the fire's perimeter, a few pockets of unburnt fuel, stump holes, and debris continue to burn, producing visible smoke along Interstate 84. Although smoke is present, no perimeter growth has been observed. Some closures have been established around the fire's perimeter for the safety of the public and fire crews. When members of the public enter a closed area, crews may be forced to stop suppression activities and violators may be fined. For questions or concerns about the fire, smoke, or closures, please call the fire information line at 541-208-1744.

Operations:

Hot temperatures and low relative humidities may contribute to a slight increase in fire activity within the interior of the fire. Along the steep northern section, as vegetation burns it can break loose, roll downhill and ignite additional material. This is within the fire's perimeter and crews are monitoring and extinguishing hot spots where accessible. During the day this will produce smoke, and at night can provide a visible glow, noticeable from across the river.

Crews will continue to patrol and mop-up uncontained fire lines to secure the edge. Suppression repair is occurring along trails and roads to reduce erosion and return disturbed areas to a more natural state. The Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) over the fire is no longer in place.

Fire Behavior and Weather:

Breezy cooler weather is expected today. Vegetation remains dry. 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. 58 personnel, 1 hand crew, 4 engines, 1 water tender, 1 skidder.

Contact Information:

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