

Goosmus Fire Update

September 27, 2024



Quick Facts

Size: 1,700 acres

Start Date: September 26, 2024

Cause: Under investigation

Location: Initial Fire started approximately 4.5 Miles south of Danville, WA

Containment: 0%

Personnel: 250

Fire Strategy: Full suppression

The Goosmus Fire is burning between Big Goosmus Road and Danville and along the United States and Canadian Boundary. The Goosmus Fire started at approximately at 2:30pm and spread rapidly north, primarily driven by winds as a cold front passed through the area.

Yesterday, aerial resources dropped retardant lines to slow fire progression, primarily along the north end (head) of the fire. Crews worked with dozers and hand crews to create indirect and direct lines, where accessible. Spot fires were reported across the head of the fire, primarily in the 4th of July Creek area. Crews worked throughout the day to locate these spot fires and lined them.

Today, firefighters work towards finalizing a line around the fire. Indirect lines will be evaluated and, where safe, will be burned out to the fire's front to secure the line. Increased smoke may be visible in these areas during these operations. In areas that are considered greater risk, crews will work on creating direct lines to the fire front. Helicopters will primarily be used to help reduce fire behavior (especially in areas of torching: tree canopy igniting on fire), working with crews to safely finalize the line around the fire.

Evacuations and Closures:

Level 3 Evacuation are in effect for residences along 4th of July Creek Road (**Level 3: Fire is in or near the area and can rapidly spread without warning; Recommended residences leave the area**)

Level 2 Evacuations: Town of Danville and the area north of Big Goosmus Road, along Highway 21 to the Canadian Border. (**Level 2: Fire is near the area and can spread into this area; Recommended residences be ready to leave if fire starts to spread into this area**)

Roads: Big Goosmus Road and 4th of July Creek Road are closed to the public (**LOCAL RESIDENCE ACCESS ONLY**)

Weather: High 72/Low 42: A weak cold front will move over the Goosmus Fire tonight with breezy south winds. There is a chance of sprinkles, but measurable precipitation is not expected with this weather system. Winds will become lighter and terrain driven Friday into Saturday. A dry cold front is expected on Sunday with breezy west to northwest winds in the afternoon.



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