

# Goosmus Fire Update

## September 28, 2024



### Quick Facts

**Size:** 1,724 acres      **Start Date:** September 25, 2024      **Cause:** Under investigation  
**Location:** Initial Fire started approximately 4.5 Miles south of Danville, WA  
**Containment:** 0%      **Personnel:** 168      **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, crews completed direct (up to the burned line of the fire) and indirect line for approximately 90% of the fire. Crews were able to conduct burnout operations in areas of indirect line, removing the unburned fuels up to the line. Increased smoke and fire activity was visible throughout yesterday afternoon. Helicopters were able to help crews through the burn operations, by helping keep an eye on the burn progression as well as able to supply bucket drops of water if fire behavior became too active. In the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Creek Road area, crews have been working on securing 60 spot fires that initiated from the initial run of the fire on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>.

Today, with anticipated increasing high winds tomorrow, crews will work on finalizing the line and securing remaining high risk spread areas. Crews will evaluate areas of indirect line for burnout operations, or if not feasible, will work on direct line, where operationally safe and effective to do so. Fire weakened trees along Highway 21 will be felled and removed, in anticipation of high winds tomorrow. Delays are possible up to 15 minutes during these operations, which are scheduled to begin around 9:00am.

### Evacuations and Closures:

**Level 3 Evacuation are in effect for residences along 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> of July Creek Road are closed to the public (**LOCAL RESIDENCE ACCESS ONLY**)**

**Weather: High 76/Low 46:** Mostly clear skies with diurnally driven winds tonight into Saturday. A cold front will sweep across the Goosmus Fire Sunday morning. Winds will switch westerly overnight Saturday and will become gusty with frontal passage on Sunday. Cold front will be dry with only a small chance of 10-20 percent for showers possible. Sunday afternoon will be dry and breezy.



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