

Goosmus Fire Update

September 29, 2024



Quick Facts

Size: 1,726 acres **Start Date:** September 25, 2024 **Cause:** Under investigation
Location: Initial Fire started approximately 4.5 Miles south of Danville, WA
Containment: 0% **Personnel:** 271 **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 were able to completely line the fire with direct or indirect lines. Additional burnout operations were successful in several areas, helping to secure areas by burning vegetation between the line and fire front. Falling operations along Highway 21 were successful in removing fire weakened trees that directly threatened the highway and utilities. Structure protection units evaluated residential and outbuildings surrounding the north end of the fire, mitigating hazards where available. A contingency dozer line was established along the north end of the fire, between 4th of July Creek Road and the US-Canadian Border.

Today, winds and lower relative humidities are expected to increase throughout the day, which could increase fire behavior. Conditions will carefully monitor throughout the day and crews are positioned around the fire to respond to increased fire behavior. Additional crews have been arriving the last couple of days, nearly doubling the number of crews (6 - 20 person hand crews, 25 engines, 8 water tenders, 5 heavy equipment (3 dozers, 2 skidgens)).

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 63/Low 32: A dry cold front will move over the fire around 0100 -0400 hours Sunday. Despite cooler high temperatures Sunday, relative humidity will be low at the fire, with breezy northwest winds picking up in the late morning and lasting through much of the day. Monday remains dry and cool, but with much lighter winds.



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