

Goosmus Fire Update

September 30, 2024



Quick Facts

Size: 1,738 acres **Start Date:** September 25, 2024 **Cause:** Under investigation
Location: Initial Fire started approximately 4.5 Miles south of Danville, WA
Containment: 7% **Personnel:** 268 **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, fire behavior remained moderate as the cold front system passed over the fire area. Areas of smoke within the fire interior reflected fuels that were partially burned during the initial spread of the fire and are continuing to consume (referred to as a dirty burn). Crews are making good progress along the fire line, searching for remaining smoldering or burning areas (often stump holes or thick vegetative areas) that could compromise the line. Skidgins (modified skidders to haul water) are being utilized to access difficult areas, bringing water to crews to help in suppression areas. Today, crews will continue on a search and destroy mission for smoldering areas along the fire line. Crews are evaluating and prepping areas for potential burnout on the northern edge of the fire. If these operations are implemented, increased smoke will be visible into the afternoon. With an overall reduction in fire behavior and an increase in strengthening the fire line, evacuation levels are being lowered today at 9:00am. Firefighter and public safety remain our highest priority, crews are continuing to work in the area. Local residences and property owners entering the area should be cautious of crews working along 4th of July Creek Road and traveling along Big Goosmus Road, Brenner Road, and Parelandra Circle, as well as other local roads in the proximity of the fire perimeter.

Evacuations and Closures:

Level 2 Evacuation are in effect for residences along 4th of July Creek Road

Level 1 Evacuations: Town of Danville and the area north of Big Goosmus Road, along Highway 21 to the Canadian Border.

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

Weather: High 62/Low 35: After the cold front passage Sunday, winds Monday and Monday night will be much lighter, but the fire will remain dry. Another dry front passage is expected Tuesday night into Wednesday, but the next one will not be as windy or as dry as the Sunday cold front. Expecting a brisk northwest wind for much of the day Wednesday.



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