

# Goosmus Fire Update

## October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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:** 24%

**Personnel:** 267

**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, infrared technology (Palm IR unit) was utilized to search for smoldering material on the south end of the fire. The unit found 3 spots within 50 feet of the line, verifying that the line is becoming secure and containment is increasing. Crews have utilized 7.5 miles of hose and 10 pumps in containment processes around the fire perimeter. Fallers evaluated and fell fire weakened trees along 4<sup>th</sup> of July Creek Road to help mitigate against trees threatening to fall into the roadway.

Today, Palm IR units will continue to work along the fireline, focusing on the western edge of the fire. Crews continue to search for smoldering material along the fire perimeter. Interior pockets continue to burn and smolder, sometimes increasing to moderate fire behavior that can result in single or small group torching (visible flames and smoke). These areas are being monitored by crews and have not been a threat to containment efforts.

### Evacuations and Closures:

**Level 2 Evacuation are in effect for residences along 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> of July Creek Road are closed to the public (**LOCAL RESIDENCE ACCESS ONLY**)**

**Weather: High 66/Low 36:** Upper high-level pressure will sit over the area Tuesday morning for relatively light terrain driven winds and dry relative humidity levels. A cold front expected in the afternoon will deliver increasing winds and moisture. Moderate west to northwest winds will continue Wednesday with slightly higher relative humidity levels. Lighter winds and milder temperatures will return Thursday and could continue through end of work week.



**InciWeb:** <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wanes-goosmus-fire>

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