

Burdoin Fire Update for Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Complex Incident Management Team Northwest 13; Washington Department of Natural Resources; Yakama Nation; US Forest Service; Bureau of Land Management; Klickitat County Sheriff's Office; Klickitat County Emergency Management/911 Dispatch; Klickitat County Fire Districts 4, 14 and 12; and West Klickitat Regional Fire Authority

Fire start date: July 18	Location: 2.5 miles east of White Salmon, WA	Cause: Under investigation
Fire size: 10,993 acres	Percent Contained: 5	Full Suppression Fire
Aviation: 5 dedicated	Ground: 105 engines, 3 dozers, 19 hand crews	Total personnel: 870

Fully extinguishing sources of heat around homes, structures and infrastructure is the highest priority for the Burdoin Fire suppression operation.

Throughout the fire area, the structure group is systematically assessing properties, finding and extinguishing flareups and any material still smoldering. Most properties have been hardened — meaning potential fuels have been removed — 50 to 100 feet, but fire officials want to expand these perimeters to 200 feet.

Until these areas are safe, Klickitat County Sheriff's Office said evacuations will remain in place.

Ground crews have completed direct containment lines in many areas of the fire. Tuesday, crews used tactical ignitions to close unburned pockets of fuel and reinforce containment lines around the Catherine Creek drainage to the west and around the fire east of Klickitat River.

It will take some time to fully control fire in timbered areas of steep canyons. Burning forest litter can ignite larger deadfall fuels which burn very slowly, potentially smoldering for weeks or months.

WEATHER: Within the Columbia Gorge, increasing temperatures are accompanied by increased wind activity. Temperatures are expected to be above average today and Thursday, with sustained winds of 20 miles per hour and gusts up to 35 miles per hour.

CLOSURES: Highway 14 remains closed from mile marker 66 east of Bingen to mile marker 76 west of Lyle. Other closures include Highway 142 from Highway 14 north to mile marker 5, and Centerville Highway from Highway 14 to Schilling Road. County road closures are posted at <https://caltopo.com/m/ONL3FK3>. State highway closures can be found at <https://wsdot.com/travel/real-time/>. Travelers should find alternate routes.

Catherine Creek Recreation Area, Coyote Wall Trailhead, Balfour-Klickitat, Lyle Trailhead, Klickitat Milepost 1, and Klickitat Wild and Scenic River in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area are closed to the public. For a map and complete text of the USFS closure, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r06/columbiarivergorge/alerts/forest-order-06-22-01-25-03-burdoin-fire>.

EVACUATIONS: For the most current information, please visit Klickitat County Emergency Management's website at www.klickitatcounty.org/249/Emergency-Management or Facebook page at www.facebook.com/KlickitatDEM911. An interactive map can be found at <https://caltopo.com/m/ONL3FK3>.

Red Cross Emergency Shelters are located at Grace Baptist Church, 1280 W. Jewett Blvd, in White Salmon, WA, and The Dalles Middle School, 1100 E. 12th St., The Dalles, OR. Red Cross staff can assist affected residents and property owners with identifying and accessing other resources.

SMOKE: Air quality is good in most areas around the fire. For sensitive groups, consider closing windows and doors and consider indoor activities. For more real-time air quality information, go to fire.airnow.gov/#9.35/45.5916/-121.3854.

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