



## Big Horn Fire

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10:30 AM, July 23, 2024

**Estimated size:** 13,800 acres  
**Containment:** 1%  
**Start Date/Time:** 7/22/2024 at 1:07 PM  
**Area of Origin:** 7 miles SE of Bickelton, WA  
**Cause:** Undetermined  
**Structures Damaged:** 0

The Big Horn fire is burning near the town of Bickelton in Klickitat County, Washington. The fire started at approximately 1:07 PM yesterday afternoon and was driven by windy and dry conditions. Since its origin, multiple resources including air operations and approximately 100 fire personnel have responded to the fire on the initial attack. At 5:00 PM, Washington State Fire Mobilization was activated to support the firefighting efforts. Currently, the fire is threatening residential and agricultural lands, critical infrastructure, and a natural gas plant. Public and firefighter safety is the most important thing at a fire. Yesterday, during the initial attack, one firefighter sustained non-life-threatening injuries due to smoke inhalation. They were transported to an area hospital for evaluation.

At 7:00 AM this morning, a Southeast Incident Management Team Type 3 (SEIMT3) took command of the fire and will work closely with Klickitat County Sheriff's Office, Fire Departments, and Emergency Management agencies.

**Road Closures:** East Road is closed from the Town of Bickleton south to Hale Rd.

### Evacuation Levels:

*As of 7/22/2024 at 7:31 PM and the most current:*

Level 3 "Go Now": East Road to Sand Ridge Road to the East and Alder Creek south to the Columbia River.

Level 2 "Get Set": Sand Ridge Road to the Klickitat County Line.

**Weather and Fire Behavior:** Dry weather is expected throughout the day with 0% chance of rain. Daytime humidities will remain low and winds from 5-10 mph.

**Smoke:** While there are no current air quality alerts for Klickitat County, communities close to active wildfires could see air quality worsen as the fire and wind conditions change. For more information on smoke and air quality, please visit: [Washington Smoke Information \(wasmoke.blogspot.com\)](http://WashingtonSmokeInformation.blogspot.com)

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