



Big Horn Fire - Update

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InciWeb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-news/wases-big-horn-fire>

9:00 PM, July 25, 2024

Estimated size: 49,063 acres

Containment: 21%

Start Date/Time: 7/22/2024 at 1:07 PM

Area of Origin: 7 miles SE of Bickleton, WA

Cause: Undetermined

Structures Damaged: 4

Update:

Today crews worked with Klickitat County Fire District 10 and other cooperators as they made progress on the east side of the fire following last night spread towards the Alderdale area. Crews on other portions of the fire made progress on securing fire lines along the northwest corner and the west flank on Middle Road.

The fire has reached Highway 14 which will remain closed overnight as the fire continues to burn along the highway. The road has been closed for the safety of the public due to fire activity and low visibility caused by smoke. In cooperation with the BSNF Railroad, the fire train traveled through the area to patrol hot spots along the rail line.

Night shift operations continue this evening and into the morning, as crews continue to work today's efforts throughout the night.

Evacuation Levels: Evacuation levels remain in effect. Please visit Klickitat County Emergency Management's website or check Facebook:

- <https://www.klickitatcounty.org/249/Emergency-Management>
- <https://www.facebook.com/KlickitatDEM911>

Road Closures: East Road is closed from the Town of Bickleton south to Middle Road. Hwy 14 from the Town of Roosevelt to Alderdale Road. Alderdale Road from Linda Lane south to the intersection with SR 14.

Weather and Fire Behavior: A cold front brought gusty conditions last night and into today. Warm and dry conditions continue with wind gusts around 20 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. Critical fire weather continues across Central and Eastern Washington; please



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continue to recreate responsibly as any fire starts could spread quickly. For more information on smoke and air quality, please visit: [Washington Smoke Information \(wasmoke.blogspot.com\)](http://wasmoke.blogspot.com)

Shelter: An American Red Cross Shelter has been opened in neighboring Benton County and is currently assisting individuals and families that are displaced by the fire.

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Resources: Multiple overhead, strikes teams, aircraft and dozers are currently responding to the fire.

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