

# BIG HOLLOW

## NORTHWEST INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM 12

**Incident Commander: Jeff Dimke**

**September 16, 2020**

The Big Hollow Fire is 15 miles northwest of Carson and 7 miles southeast of Cougar, Washington. Some smoke and morning fog are forecast, with temperatures up to the mid-70s. Variable winds will be under 10 mph.

### Yesterday's Operations:

Firefighters suppressed a new start in the Trapper Creek Wilderness that could have threatened containment lines. Equipment and crew numbers continued to increase as crews held road 57 after resuming firing to consume fuels inside the control line; they also resumed firing along road 58. Crews used heavy equipment to continue clearing roads S1000 and S6000, and worked to limit fire spread south of Canyon Creek. Crews reduced fuels in the Wind River drainage, and burned a control line east of Road 64 and north of Road 201 to stem fire spread east of Wind River Hwy. Crews cleared and secured areas around structures at Government Mineral Springs.

### Today's Operations:

Crews will continue holding the fire along roads 57 and 58, and monitor and build fire lines to keep the fire from spreading south of Canyon Creek. Work will continue on roads S1000 and S6000 as crews monitor the fire to limit westerly spread. Crews will monitor fire in the Wind River drainage and reduce fuels as needed to stop fire spread. Crews will continue yesterday's work of burning a control line east of Road 64 and north of Road 201. Crews will monitor around structures to the south and clear vegetation on Trapper Creek Trail to confine a planned burn of fuels inside the fire line.

### Closures:

There is a level 3 evacuation order in effect for Government Mineral Springs. There is a level 1 evacuation order in effect north and west of the fire, including Yale, Cougar, Northwoods and parts of Amboy and Yacolt. Area closures include most developed campgrounds, dispersed camping, most forest roads and trails in southwest Gifford Pinchot National Forest. Closures for the Siouyon Block and Merrill Lake Natural Conservation Area also are in place. The Pacific Crest Trail is open.

### Safety Message:

Please stay out of fire closure areas for your safety and that of the firefighters. Be cautious driving in low visibility. There is an air quality alert in place. Air quality information is available at <http://wasmoke.blogspot.com/>.



**WILDFIRE**

**SIZE: 22,153 acres**

**CONTAINMENT: 15%**

**PERSONNEL: 367**

**CAUSE: unknown**

**RESOURCES:**

**Hand Crews 10**

**Engines 13**

**Dozers 3**

**Water Tenders 1**

**AIRCRAFT:**

**Helicopters 1**

**Fixed Wing**

**FIRE INFORMATION:**

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**INCIWEB:**

<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7171/>

**WILDFIRE SMOKE and COVID-19:**



(CDC guideline and recommendations)