



Big Hollow Fire Update

September 25, 2020

Fire Information Line: 971-333-8602

For Immediate Release

ANNOUNCEMENT: The evacuation order for cabins located at Government Mineral Springs near Trapper Creek Wilderness have been lowered to Level 2 “SET”. Residents can return to the area but should be set for immediate evacuation. Slow down and use caution in this area. Watch for heavy equipment and firefighters who continue to work in the area.

Overview: The Virtual Community Meeting was successful. Questions concerning the fire, roadways, closures, and operation procedures were addressed. Please visit the Gifford Pinchot National Forest website and Facebook page to receive up-to-date information.

Current Situation: Rain continued throughout the day, bringing much needed moisture to the fire, and preventing further spread. Larger fuels such as logs and stumps continue to burn in place.

Today’s Plan: Firefighters will be working in Government Mineral Spring to remove remaining equipment, hose lays, and sprinkler systems. Crews will scout and patrol for potentially hazardous trees or debris along containment lines.

Visitor Information: Sunset Falls Campground remains open on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest along with the Pacific Crest Trail. The Department of Natural Resources has lifted the closure order for Merrill Lake Conservation Area.

Road Closures: Wind River Highway/Forest Road 30 is still partially closed between Carson National Fish Hatchery and Curly Creek Road. It remains open north of Curly Creek Road towards the Lone Butte area.

Area Closures: The Big Hollow Area Closure order on National Forest System lands, roads, and trails within the Mount Adams Ranger District [ORDER NO. 06-03-03-20-10](#), and the Department of Natural Resources Siouxon Block including S-6000 and S-1000 roads still remain in effect. Please visit the Gifford Pinchot National Forest Recreation website for the status on campground and road closures.

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/recmain/giffordpinchot/recreation>.

Restrictions Lifted: Effective immediately, the campfire restrictions in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest have been lifted. Those who choose to have a campfire should do so responsibly and as always completely put out your fire before leaving.

Fire Summary	
Incident Start Date	9/8/2020
Cause	unknown
Approximate Size (acres)	24,995 acres
Containment	25 %
Completion of Objective	75%
Location	NW of Carson SE of Cougar
Incident Commander	Mitch Ketron
Resources Assigned	2 crews 6 Engines 1 Dozers
Total Personnel	146

For Additional Fire Information:

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