



# Washington Retreat Wildfire Yakima County July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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## Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

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*“Retreat Fire Update July 26, 2024*

*Northern Rockies Team 1, Incident Commander Brent Olson*

*Location: 14 miles southwest of Naches, WA*

*Start Date: July 23, 2024*

*Cause: Under Investigation*

*Size: 13,183 acres*

*Resources: 216 Total Personnel; 1 Dozers; 0 Helicopters; 7 Hand Crews; 15 Engines*

**KEY MESSAGE:**

*Northern Rockies Complex Incident Management Team 1, Incident Commander Brent Olson took command of the Retreat Fire at 6 am this morning.*

**CURRENT STATUS:**

*Northern Rockies Incident Management Team 1 has been assigned responsibility for managing fire suppression activities as delegated by agency jurisdictions beginning 6:00 am on July 26. The fire is being managed under a full suppression strategy with public and firefighter safety as the number one priority. The Retreat Fire is estimated at 13,183 acres, burning southwest of Naches, WA. Active fire behavior may be observed*

due to forecasted winds and smoke lifting out of drainages. Heavy equipment and hand crews will construct direct and indirect control lines along the northern and southern fire perimeter to reduce the fire's advance.

#### WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR:

Weather is dominated by an upper-level trough with increasing winds projected for this weekend. Maximum daytime temperatures above 90 degrees. Winds are expected to be variable, 4 to 7 miles mph from the west changing direction from the east in the afternoon between 5-10 mph feet above ground level. Minimum humidities are expected to be between 13 and 23 percent. Three primary fuel types are present in the fire landscape: Oak bottoms, grass sage brush, and Ponderosa pine with some mixed conifers. The oak bottoms and grass/sage are very dry and readily available to burn, isolated group and single tree torching may create potential for spotting.

#### CLOSURES AND EVACUATIONS:

- Level 3 "GO NOW" Evacuation Advisory from US Hwy 12 at Bear Canyon Trailhead (NF 1301 Forest Service Road) northeast to the "Y" (Hwy 12/410). From "Y" (Hwy 12/410) south along the borders of Town of Cowiche and Town of Tieton to Cowiche Mill Road. Cowiche Mill Road west to NF 641 Forest Service Road. NF 641 Forest Service Road North to Hwy 12.
- Level 2 "GET SET" Evacuation Notice for the City of Tieton, WA area including Cowiche Mill Road east to Summitview Road, Summitview Road North to the four way stop on West Tieton Road, heading west on West Tieton Road to the end of West Tieton Rd. The west boundary is the end of West Tieton Road going south to the 3600 block of Cowiche Mill Road. For the evacuation boundary visit the Yakima County Office of Emergency Facebook page: Yakima Valley Emergency Management.
- US Hwy 12 remains closed for several reasons between the Y at Hwy 410 and the summit of the Pass at milepost 151.
- Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Retreat Fire Area Closure: [www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/okawen/alerts-notice/?aid=89192](http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/okawen/alerts-notice/?aid=89192).
- The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Southeast Region has temporarily closed the Ahtanum State Forest due to increased activity from the adjacent Retreat Fire burning near Rimrock Lake. The public can access the most up-to-date closure information at [www.dnr.wa.gov/ahtanum](http://www.dnr.wa.gov/ahtanum).

Fire Information: 509-213-4890

Email: [2024.retreat@firenet.gov](mailto:2024.retreat@firenet.gov)

<http://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident.../wases-retreat> "

## **American Red Cross**

Central & Southeastern Washington  
7202 W. Deschutes Ave.  
Kennewick, WA 99336  
(509) 783-6195

[Central & Southeastern Washington | American Red Cross](#)  
[American Red Cross Northwest Region | Facebook](#)

Please see the following link for the most updated information on available: [Disaster Shelters | Find Shelters | American Red Cross](#)

**Open Shelters:**

**Naches Valley High School**

101 W 5th Street  
Naches, WA 98937  
Yakima County

## **Department of Transportation**

Department of Transportation Yakima County  
128 N 2nd Street  
4th Floor  
Yakima, WA 98901  
(509) 574-2300

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## **United Way/211 Information and Referrals Lines**

These information and referral lines may know of additional resources currently providing assistance, such as food pantries, clothing closets, emergency shelters, and agencies offering financial assistance. Please dial 2-1-1 and provide your zip code and demographic information in order to receive referrals. Information can also be obtained at [Call 211 for Essential Community Services | United Way 211](#).

Great Columbia 211  
Call 211 or (877) 211-9274  
[Home - Washington 211 - Washington 211 \(wa211.org\)](#)

## **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

(800) 621-3362

[FEMA.gov](#)

Please visit the website and click on “*Disaster Declarations*”. If a disaster is declared, please call to apply for assistance by phone, or visit: [Individual Assistance | FEMA.gov](#) to apply online.

## **DisasterAssistance.gov**

[Home | disasterassistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov)

Offers information about local resources for disasters, including: FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs), Red Cross, food, shelter, state emergency management agencies, and hospital locators.

To determine if individual disaster assistance is available through FEMA, please visit the website and enter the address.

To locate your local state emergency management agency for disaster information and updates, please visit: [Search Your Location | FEMA.gov](#)

## **American Red Cross National**

(800) 733-2767

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## **National Weather Service**

Weather alerts by state are available at: [Active Alerts \(weather.gov\)](#).

## **The Weather Channel**

Local forecasts and severe weather. Please call or visit the website to locate your local chapter and open shelters.

[National and Local Weather Radar, Daily Forecast, Hurricane and information from The Weather Channel and weather.com.](#)

## **Safe Travel USA**

[SafeTravelUSA](#)

## **National Traffic And Road Closure Information**

[National Traffic and Road Closure Information | Federal Highway Administration \(dot.gov\)](#)

## **Free Help Line**

Optum, a leading health and behavioral health services company, is offering a free emotional-support help line.

The toll-free number, 866-447-3573, will be open Monday-Friday, 8am-8pm CST. The service is free of charge and open to anyone. Specially trained Optum mental health specialists help people manage their stress and anxiety so they can continue to address their everyday needs. Callers may also receive referrals to community resources to help them with specific concerns, including financial and legal matters.

Along with the toll-free help line, emotional-support resources and information are available online at <https://www.liveandworkwell.com>.