

# BIG HOLLOW FIRE

## NORTHWEST INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM 12

**Incident Commander: Jeff Dimke**

**September 11, 2020**

Northwest Incident Management Team 12 took command at 6:00 AM on the Big Hollow Fire 15 miles northwest of Carson and 7 miles southeast of Cougar, Washington. Weather is expected to be partly cloudy and very smokey, with temperatures in the low to mid-70s. Light westerly winds of 7 to 12 mph are forecasted, shifting to southwesterly in the evening.

### **Operations Today:**

Indirect control lines are being constructed with heavy equipment and roads to protect the communities of Cougar, Chelatchie and Yale to the west. Structure protection is being implemented to protect cabins at Government Mineral Springs and the Carson National Fish Hatchery. Firefighters are also assessing the risk to structures to the north and east in the fire area.

### **Closures:**

The Forest Service has issued area closures in the southwest portion of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest that include most developed campgrounds, dispersed camping, day-use and wilderness areas, and most forest roads and trails within the closure area. The Washington State Department of Natural Resources has issued closures for the Siouxon Block and recreation sites within the Merrill Lake Conservation Area.

### **Safety Message:**

Evacuation levels 1 (ready), 2 (set), and 3 (go) are currently in use. Level 2 evacuation orders are in place for the areas around Yale Lake. Level 1 closures have been issued for the areas around Swift Reservoir and south of Lake Merwin. There is an air quality alert in place for southwest Washington and northwest Oregon for unhealthy and hazardous conditions. Air quality information is available at <http://wasmoke.blogspot.com/>. Be aware of low visibility and possible traffic congestion from firefighting vehicles and equipment on forest roads.



**WILDFIRE**

**SIZE: 12,050 acres**

**CONTAINMENT: 0%**

**PERSONNEL: 88**

**CAUSE: unknow**

**RESOURCES:**

**Hand Crews 2**

**Engines 9**

**Dozers**

**Water Tenders**

**AIRCRAFT:**

**Helicopters**

**Fixed Wing**

**FIRE INFORMATION:**

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**INCIWEB:**

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

**WILDFIRE SMOKE and COVID-19:**



(CDC guideline and recommendations)