



White River Fire

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InciWeb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7013/>

Fire Update: Monday, Aug. 24, 2020

White River Fire crews continue to prepare for low intensity firing operations along the east and west ends of the fire toward the White River. Along the north side, they continue to remove unburned fuels between highway 48 and the main fire. Firing operations will continue in these areas as conditions allow.

Low intensity firing operations are often used in fire management. If planned and executed correctly they can control the fire, reduce suppression costs, and protect cultural and natural resources. Fire managers are using low intensity fire to secure lines on the White River Fire, a strategy that will take several days.

Today, the fire is likely to be active with temperatures of 77-82 degrees and west winds of 7 to 15 mph. Ridgetop wind gusts are likely to increase this afternoon. Firefighters will watch for possible short runs up steep slopes where slope and wind align. They will also watch for and secure spot fires.

On the south side of the fire along the White River, firefighters will monitor the perimeter using aircraft and lookouts to detect any spot fires that may occur south of the river.

The White River Fire is currently 1102 acres, with 304 personnel working the fire.

Closures:

White River Fire Trail closures: Crane Creek, Crane Prairie, Boulder Lake, Forest Creek, Hidden Meadows, Bonney Meadows, Threemile, and all of the Rock Creek OHV Area.

Recreation site closures: White River Station, Forest Creek, Keeps Mill, Boulder Lake, Little Boulder Lake, Post Camp, Camp Windy, Bonney Meadows, Post Point OHV Staging Area, Gate Creek OHV Staging Area, Barlow Crossing.

Road closures: 4410/3550 jctn; Bennet Pass snopark (3550); 48/4890 jctn; 43/3530 jctn; 43/3530-230; 35/48 jctn; 4890/4891 jctn; 48/4880 jctn; 3530/3530-230; 2710/2710/160; 4810 just northwest of Camp Cody; 48 just south of Rock Creek Reservoir CG; 4820 just west of Rock Creek Reservoir CG; all class 3 road barricades unless otherwise noted

For more information see: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/article/7013/53534/>

Evacuations:

The Wasco County Sheriff has posted a Level 1 Evacuation notice for Sportsman Park and the Rock Creek area. <https://www.facebook.com/WascoCountySheriff/posts/1837027263105452>