

SCHOOL FIRE



Umatilla National
Forest

FIRE UPDATE

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Pomeroy Type 3 Team



Washington
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Natural
Resources

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Fire Information Center
(509) 843-5143

www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/fire

For Immediate Release

Fire Status

Crews continue to make good progress in fire containment and aggressive mop-up while providing for firefighter and public safety.

Fire Behavior

Operations

Firefighters are continuing to patrol the fire perimeter, with aggressive mop-up on the southeast flank and interior. They are also identifying and mopping-up hot spots around structures.

Weather

A cooler airmass will continue across the region today, bringing mostly sunny weather. Winds will range from 3-8 mph in the valleys and ridgetops after 9:00 A.M. Maximum temperatures will range from 63-71° F, with relative humidity ranging from 24-35%. Tonight, lows will be from 44-46° F, with relative humidity ranging from 58-73%.

Temperatures will warm up as high pressures rebuild over the region Thursday and Friday.

Property Status

Homeowners can contact Garfield County for information on the status of their properties at (509) 843-1391.

Quick Facts

Location:	16 miles south of Pomeroy, WA.
Start Date:	08/05/2005
Cause:	Under Investigation
Approx. Size:	49,515 acres
Containment:	100%
Assigned Resources:	32 engines 3 helicopters 4 crews
Total Personnel:	310
Agencies Represented:	BLM, DNR, USFS, NPS, FWS, Private
Restrictions:	There is limited entry into Umatilla National Forest. The Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness is Closed.

Reduction of Evacuation Levels

The fire area remains closed to the public until further notice. Entry to landowners has been granted in certain areas; contact the Garfield County Sheriff's office for more information (509) 843-3494. Limited entry into additional closed areas for property owners will be provided once the following criteria are met: 1) 300' mop-up around structures is complete and confirmed with infrared, 2) hazard trees along roads have been removed, and 3) re-burn potential is low.

Restrictions and Closures

All National Forest System roads lying within the perimeter of the School Fire are closed, except for the following Forest Service roads which are open for **day use only** between the hours of 6:00 A.M – 9:00 P.M.: USFS Roads **50, 47, 4620, 4625, 4712, and 4713.**

The Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness is open.

For Additional Information

[National Situation Report](#)

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