

SCHOOL FIRE



Umatilla National
Forest

FIRE UPDATE

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Pomeroy Type 3 Team



Washington
Department of
Natural
Resources

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9:00 a.m.

Fire Information Center*

(509) 843-5143
(until 8/27/05)

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. The fire is scheduled to be transferred back to the Umatilla National Forest on Saturday, August 27th. For fire information after that date, please contact the Pomeroy Ranger District at 509-843-1891.

Fire Behavior

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

Operations

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Weather

High pressure will strengthen across the region today. Skies will be sunny, with highs ranging from 71-83 °F, with relative humidity ranging from 18-24%. Winds will be mild at 2-5 mph. Tonight, skies will be clear. Lows will be 37-46°F, with relative humidity ranging from 58-72%.

Property Status

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

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 Forest Service System roads lying within the perimeter of the School Fire are closed, except for the following roads that are open between the hours of 6:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.: FS Road 050, FS Road 47 (Tucannon Road), FS Road 4620 (between Tucannon Road and Maloney Mountain Road), FS Road 4625 (Maloney Mountain Road), FS Road 4712 (to Ladybug Campground) and FS Road 4713 (to Panjab Trailhead).

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 2 helicopters 4 crews
Total Personnel:	271
Agencies Represented:	BLM, DNR, USFS, NPS, FWS, Private
Restrictions: (see below)	There is limited entry into Umatilla National Forest. The Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness is Open.

For Additional Information

[National Situation Report](#)

[National Interagency Fire Center](#)

[National Fire News](#)