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## **State Fire Mobilization Authorized for the Bofer Canyon Fire**

State fire assistance has been mobilized under the Washington State Fire Services Resource Mobilization Plan in support of local firefighters working to contain the Bofer Canyon Fire, located in Benton County, near the city of Kennewick. Washington State Patrol Chief John Batiste authorized the mobilization of state firefighting resources on August 11, 2018, at 3:45 pm at the request of Acting Chief Don Taylor, Benton County Fire District 1.

The Bofer Canyon Fire started on August 11, 2018, at 2:46 pm and is burning in grass and brush. This fire is estimated at 250 acres and growing. It is threatening homes, crops, and infrastructure. Level 2 and 3 evacuations are in effect at this time. The fire cause is under investigation.

Mobilization specialists from the Fire Protection Bureau have ordered air resources and 2 wildland strike teams.

The State Emergency Operations Center at Camp Murray is activated to Level 2 to coordinate state assistance for the Bofer Canyon Fire. State Fire Marshal's Office personnel are en route to the scene to coordinate dispatch of resources.

Under the State Fire Services Resource Mobilization Plan, the Fire Protection Bureau coordinates the initial dispatch and continued administrative oversight of resources and personnel for the duration of the incident. The Mobilization Plan is implemented to provide a process to quickly notify, assemble and deploy fire service personnel, equipment and other resources from around the state when fires, disasters or other events exceed the capacity of local jurisdictions. More information about the Washington State Fire Services Resource Mobilization Plan is available at: <http://www.wsp.wa.gov/draft-all-risk-mobilization/>.

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