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**Fire Mobilization Authorized for the
Milepost 90 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 Milepost 90 Fire located in Klickitat County, two miles west of Wishram. Washington State Patrol Chief John Batiste authorized the mobilization of state firefighting resources on July 31, 2018, at 9:45 pm at the request of Assistant Chief Skye Cooper, Klickitat County Fire District 11.

The fires started on July 31, 2018, and the cause is currently under investigation. The Milepost 90 Fire is estimated at 5,000 acres and growing, and threatening homes, crops, power infrastructure, livestock, and water sources. Level 2 evacuations are in effect for Centerville, and Level 3 evacuations are in effect for Wishram Heights.

Mobilization specialists from the Fire Protection Bureau have ordered five wildland task forces, two 20-person hand crews, three bulldozers, a helicopter, and a Type 3 incident management team.

The State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at Camp Murray remains activated to Level 2 to coordinate state assistance for the Milepost 90 Fire. State Fire Marshal personnel are enroute to the scene to coordinate dispatch of resources, and at the State EOC.

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: www.wsp.wa.gov/fire/mobilization.htm.

The State Fire Marshal's Office is a Bureau of the Washington State Patrol, providing fire and life safety services to the citizens of Washington State including inspections of state licensed facilities, plan review of school construction projects, licensing of fire sprinkler contractors and pyrotechnic operators, training Washington States firefighters, and collecting emergency response data.

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