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### **State Fire Mobilization Authorized for the Conrad 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 Conrad Fire, located in Yakima County near Selah. The Conrad Fire is burning in heavy brush and timber. Washington State Patrol Chief John Batiste authorized the mobilization of state firefighting resources on July 1, 2018, at 7:00 pm at the request of Deputy Chief Jim Lange, Selah Fire Department.

The Conrad Fire started on July 1, 2018, at 2:24 pm. This fire is estimated at 1,500 acres, and is threatening homes, crops, infrastructure, and powerlines. Level 3 evacuation orders are in effect at this time. The fire cause is under investigation.

Mobilization specialists from the Fire Protection Bureau have ordered 5 strike teams of wildland engines and 2 interface task forces. The fire will be managed by the Southeast Washington Interagency Type 3 Incident Management Team.

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