State Fire Mobilization Authorized for the Mile Marker 119 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 Mile Marker 119 Fire, located in Klickitat County, west of the Town of Roosevelt. The Mile Marker 119 is burning in brush and grass. Washington State Patrol Chief John Batiste authorized the mobilization of state firefighting resources on July 3, 2018, at 12:00 pm at the request of Chief Earl Snyder, Klickitat County Fire District 9.

The Mile Marker 119 Fire started on July 3, 2018, at 8:32 am. This fire is estimated at 500 acres, and is threatening homes, crops and infrastructure. The fire has no evacuations in effect at this time and the cause is under investigation.

Mobilization specialists from the Fire Protection Bureau have ordered 1 Wildland Strike Team, and 4 Hand Crews. 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 Mile Marker 119 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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