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State Fire Mobilization Authorized for the Buckshot 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 Buckshot Fire. The Buckshot Fire is located in Grant County, near the town of Desert Aire, two miles southwest of Mattawa. Washington State Patrol Chief John Batiste authorized the mobilization of state firefighting resources on July 19, 2018, at 8:45 pm at the request of Chief David Patterson, Grant County Fire District 8.

The Buckshot Fire started on July 19, 2018, at 2:58 pm. This fire is burning in grass and brush, and is estimated at 500 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 five wildland strike teams and two hand crews. The fire will be managed by a Type 3 Incident Command Team.

The State Emergency Operations Center at Camp Murray is activated to Level 2 to coordinate state assistance for the Buckshot 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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