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State Fire Mobilization Authorized for the Road 11 Fire

Douglas County – State fire assistance has been mobilized under the Washington State Fire Services Resource Mobilization Plan in support of local firefighters working to contain the Road 11 Fire located in Douglas County, near Mansfield. The Road 11 Fire is currently burning in grass, sage and wheat crops. Washington State Patrol Chief John Batiste authorized the mobilization of state firefighting resources on July 11, 2020, at 5:30 pm at the request of Fire Chief Dale Jordan, Douglas County Fire District 1.

The Road 11 Fire started on July 11, 2020, at approximately 12:47 pm. This fire is estimated at 2,000 acres and growing. It is threatening homes and crops. Level 3 evacuations are in effect at this time. The fire cause is under investigation.

Mobilization specialists from the Fire Protection Bureau have ordered a Type 3 team, one bulldozer, two helicopters and three task forces at this time. The fire will be managed by a Type 3 Incident Management team.

The State Emergency Operations Center at Camp Murray is activated to Level 2 to coordinate state assistance for the Road 11 Fire. State Fire Marshal's Office personnel are working remotely coordinating the 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 mobilization. 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/>.

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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