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State Fire Mobilization Authorized for the Bolt Creek Fire

Snohomish 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 Bolt Creek Fire located in Snohomish County, near the towns of Skykomish and Index. Washington State Patrol Assistant Chief Dan Atchison on behalf of Chief John Batiste authorized the mobilization of state firefighting resources on September 10, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. at the request of Fire Chief Eric Andrews, Snohomish County Fire District 26.

The Bolt Creek Fire started on September 10, 2022, at approximately 5:15 a.m. This fire is estimated at 2,000 acres and growing. It is burning in heavy timber, logging slash, and brush and is threatening Bonneville Power. Level 1, 2, and 3 evacuations are in effect at this time. The fire cause is currently under investigation.

The State Emergency Operations Center at Camp Murray remains activated at Level 2 to help coordinate state assistance for the Bolt Creek Fire. Mobilization specialists from the Fire Protection Bureau have ordered 3 strike teams to assist local resources. State Fire Marshal's Office personnel are enroute to the scene to coordinate 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/all-risk-mobilization/>.

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