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State Fire Mobilization Authorized for the Northrup Canyon Fire

Grant 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 Northrup Canyon Fire located in Grant County, near Electric City. The Northrup Canyon Fire is burning in grass and sagebrush. Washington State Patrol Chief John Batiste authorized the mobilization of state firefighting resources on July 23, 2021, at 7:30 a.m. at the request of Fire Chief Ryan Fish, Grand Coulee Fire Department.

The Northrup Canyon Fire started on July 22, 2021, at approximately 5:06 p.m. This fire is estimated at 300 acres and growing. It is threatening structures and standing wheat. Level 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 will remain activated to Level 2 to help coordinate state assistance for the Northrup Canyon Fire. Mobilization specialists from the Fire Protection Bureau have ordered two strike teams and the fire will be managed by a Type 3 Incident Management Team. State Fire Marshal's Office personnel are both en route to the scene and working remotely 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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