

**NORTHEAST
WASHINGTON INTERAGENCY**



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Ellisforde, WA - The Swanson Mill Fire ignited at approximately 1:42pm on Wednesday, July 3rd.

--Crews have accurately measured the footprint of the fire and sized it at 281 acres--

Significant progress was made in containment of the fire yesterday. The hard work and dedication of the members of the local fire districts is particularly noteworthy and greatly appreciated. There remains much to be done to button up this incident and bring it to acceptable turn-back standards.

Today, Crews will continue to strengthen containment around the fire and structures. This will include the construction of waterbars, cross gridding, and cold trailing. A waterbar is a feature used to prevent erosion on sloping roads or dozer lines. Cross-gridding is the systematic and deliberate process of checking to address hot spots using infrared devices. Cold-trailing is a method of controlling the fire's edge by carefully inspecting and feeling with the hand for heat to detect any fire, digging out every live hot spot, and trenching any live fire edge.

Quick Facts

Swanson Mill Fire

Incident Start:	July 3rd, 2019
Final Incident Size:	281 Acres
Fire Containment:	50% Contained 100% Lined
Assigned Resources on the Incident	Hand Crews: 3 Engines: 12 Dozers: 1
Total Personnel on Incident:	155
Estimated incident Containment Date:	July 6, 2019
Fire Cause:	Under Investigation

PUBLIC AND FIRE FIGHTER SAFETY IS THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY

Do not enter into the area of the fire. Fire weakened trees can fall suddenly and hot deep ash pits can cause severe burns and are present throughout the burn area.



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