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## News Release July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Ellisforde, WA** - The Swanson Mill Fire ignited at approximately 1:42pm on Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, burning approximately 350 acres, approximately, 3 miles north of Ellisforde.

Initial suppression efforts included hand crews constructing fire line working with dozers and engines as well as coordination with Okanogan Fire District 1, 4, and 12 (Mt. Hull Fire District) in structure protection. Aviation included 2 – type 2 helicopters, 5 Fire Bosses, and 2 heavy air tankers and a lead plane (Bird Dog) from British Columbia Wildfire Services.

Wind and topography drove the wildland fire through sagebrush, bunchgrass and scattered Ponderosa Pine. Dozer and hand-line was constructed around the fire and burnout operations were conducted last night to burn any additional unburned fuels between the constructed line and the fire. Hot spots remain throughout the fire footprint. One outbuilding was lost yesterday.

**Today**, crews are working on establishing containment around the fire and around structures, using hand crews and wildland fire engines. Initial attack fire lines are currently being assessed for future rehabilitation. Crews are available for initial attack in the area if required.

### Quick Facts

#### Swanson Mill Fire

Incident Start:	July 3rd, 2019
Incident Approximate Size:	Approx. 290 acres (approx.. 350 with burnout operations)
Fire Containment:	0% Contained 100% Lined
Assigned Resources on the Incident	Hand Crews: 2 Engines: 10 Dozers: 3
Total Personnel on Incident:	74
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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