

MID-COLUMBIA FIRE AND RESCUE
PRESS RELEASE

July 4, 2016
Wasson Pond Fire

At 7:24 p.m. on July 3rd, Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue and Dallesport Fire District were dispatched to a 30' X 30' grassfire at 5620 Cherry Heights road. Upon arrival of fire crews, the fire had grown to approximately 5 acres and was reported as spreading quickly.

8-10 structures were threatened and one pump house was lost to the fast moving fire leaving the house without water. No houses have been lost to the fire. Residents were evacuated in the area of 4675 Mill Creek Road. No other evacuations have been required to this point.

Fire Crews from Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue, Oregon Department of Forestry, United States Forest Service, Hood River County, Klickitat County responded to the scene for initial fire attack. Air attack and a single engine air tanker were additionally launched to assist in suppressing the fire.

Crews worked throughout the night and suppression efforts continue this morning to extinguish hotspots and strengthen control lines to keep the fire from spreading.

Two 20-person hand crews have been ordered from Oregon Department of Forestry and will arrive at 7:30 a.m. today to assist on-scene fire crews with reinforcing control lines.

The size of the fire is currently at 300 acres. Fire containment is at 50%. Fire crews will continue to work throughout today to control fire spread and protect structures. Predicted windy weather conditions could pose a challenge for firefighters throughout the day.

There have been no injuries reported to firefighters or civilians as a result of the fire.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

We ask that the public be extremely cautious with fireworks during the Fourth of July Holiday.

No media staging area established