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## Grant County firefighters helping at Yakima area wildfire

**MOSES LAKE (19 JULY 2010)** – Firefighters from several Grant County departments are helping to fight the Cowiche (*pronounced COW-ITCH-EE*) Canyon fire near Yakima.

The wildfire ignited Sunday afternoon and has burned three homes and several outbuildings. It was reported at over 8,000 acres this morning. Yakima area officials have asked local homeowners to evacuate due to the fire threat.

Firefighters from across Washington have responded under the Fire Service Resource Mobilization Plan. Under chapter 43.43.961 of the REVISED CODE OF WASHINGTON, the plan is implemented to provide personnel, equipment and other logistical resources from around the state when a wildland fire or other emergency exceeds the firefighting capacity of local jurisdictions.

The following Grant County departments have responded to Yakima's call for help:

- Grant County Fire Dist. #3 (Quincy area)
- Grant County Fire Dist. #5 (rural Moses Lake)
- Grant County Fire Dist. #13 (rural Ephrata)
- Ephrata Fire Dept.
- Moses Lake Fire Dept.
- Coulee Dam Fire Dept.
- Electric City Fire Dept.

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