



Grant County
**EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT**

PRESS RELEASE

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PRESS RELEASE #1

WILDFIRE BURNING NEAR INTERSTATE 90 / NEAR VANTAGE BRIDGE IN GRANT COUNTY

A 100 acre wildland fire is burning in Grant County near I-90, approximately six miles southwest of George in Grant County. Traffic on I-90 is not impacted by this fire, but may cause motorists to slow to view the fire. Therefore, all motorists should use extreme caution while traveling through the area.

The fire is burning sagebrush and grass, and is currently being contained by local fire resources. Nothing of value (homes, etc.) has burned, and there have been no injuries. The Incident Commander believes the fire will be contained shortly, and says that he will provide more information within the next sixty minutes.

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PRESS RELEASE #2 ---FINAL---

WILDFIRE BURNING NEAR INTERSTATE 90 / NEAR VANTAGE BRIDGE IN GRANT COUNTY

The fire burning near Interstate 90 six miles southwest of George (Grant County) near the Vantage Bridge is **95% contained**. No property of value was damaged and no persons were injured.

Firefighters from Royal City Fire District 10, Quincy Fire District 3, City of Ephrata, and Fire District 13 of rural Ephrata battled the **150 acre** fire, which burned sagebrush and grass. The fire had caused traffic interruptions on I-90 as motorists slowed or stopped to watch the fire. The cause of the fire has yet to be determined.

No further information on this incident will be released by Grant County Emergency Management. Media should contact the Incident Commander for any further information:

Captain Russ Hersch
Grant County Fire District 10 (Royal City)
509-760-2072

Since Captain Hersch is still operating at the fire, if you would, please delay calling him until 8 p.m. this evening. He wants to answer your questions, but the safety of the firefighters is his primary objective, and until all the fire is mopped up, the incident still poses a risk to the firefighters.

Thank you for your cooperation!

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