



Signal Peak and Ransier Fire July 30, 2026

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Community Wildfire Update Summary

July 24–30, 2026 The Yakama Nation community continues to respond to two active wildfires that have significantly impacted the White Swan area and surrounding communities. Emergency response efforts remain ongoing under the direction of **Wildfire Incident Commander Real Bird and IC Trainee Keelin**, with first responders and various Yakima County Fire District 5 responders working diligently to protect lives, property, and natural resources.

Fire suppression operations currently include the deployment of **25 combined typed engines and water tenders**, supported by **one dozer, one hand crew, and four overhead personnel**. These resources are actively engaged in containment, structure protection, and wildfire mitigation efforts across both incident areas.

Yakama Nation leadership extends its gratitude to all firefighting personnel, emergency responders, support staff, and community members who continue to work together during this challenging time. Response teams remain committed to safeguarding affected communities while closely monitoring fire activity and changing conditions.

Signal Peak Fire

On July 25, the Signal Peak Fire grew to more than 3,000 acres, resulting in substantial impacts to community infrastructure and Tribal assets. The fire destroyed seven occupied homes, four abandoned residential structures, and four operational buildings. In addition, several fleet vehicles, equipment units, and inventory assets were lost or sustained significant damage. Damage assessments remain ongoing, and officials are continuing to evaluate the full scope of losses associated with the incident.

Ransier Fire

On July 26, 2026, the Ransier Fire expanded to more than 1,296 acres, causing significant damage to residential, community, and cultural properties. Preliminary assessments indicate the loss of seven homes, two abandoned residences, the local Post Office, the Shaker Church, and one short house. Emergency response personnel continue to assess the full extent of the damage while working to protect remaining structures and support affected community members. Recovery and damage assessment efforts remain ongoing as officials evaluate the overall impact of the fire.

Residents are encouraged to remain vigilant, follow any emergency notifications, and adhere to any evacuation advisories or safety directives issued by emergency management officials. Additional updates will be provided as conditions evolve and new information becomes available.

Community Response

Under the direction of Tribal Leadership, the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation are accepting monetary donations to support fire relief and recovery efforts. Donations will assist affected individuals and families, as well as ongoing response and recovery operations coordinated by the **Yakama Nation Emergency Management** under the leadership of **Incident Commander Elizabeth Sanchey**.

To assist displaced residents, the following locations continue to be open to evacuees:

- Harrah Elementary School (Red Cross Location)
- Yakama Nation Tribal School (Red Cross Location)
- Toppenish Longhouse (Open for breakfast, lunch and through July 31, 2026)
- Wapato Longhouse (Open for meals, not shelter)

Donation Center

TOPPENISH, WA – The Yakama Nation is accepting donations to support individuals and families in need through its Donation Drop-Off Center, located at the **Yakama Nation Sprung Structure, 150 Robbins Road, Toppenish, WA.**

Drop-Off Hours:

Daily, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Pick-Up Information

Impacted individuals and families seeking assistance may arrange to pick up donated items **by appointment only.**

Contact Information

For donation inquiries, current needs, or to schedule a pick-up appointment, please contact:

Elizabeth Sanchey

☎ 509-945-2939

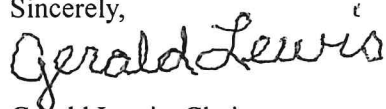
✉ WhiteSwanFire@yakama.com

Items Needed (new items only):

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| • Blankets | • Portable Power Blankets |
| • Pots and Pans | • Charging Cables |
| • Pillows | • Gas Cards |
| • Clothing (all sizes) | • Grocery Cards |
| • Undergarments (all sizes) | • Flashlights |
| • Diapers | • Batteries |
| • Baby Formula | • Dog Bowls |
| • Baby Bottles | • Leashes |
| • Hygiene Kits | • Collars |
| • First Aid Kits | • Totes |
| | • Toys and activity books |

The Yakama Nation extends its sincere appreciation to all community members, organizations, and partners whose generosity and support continue to help those in need during this time of recovery.

Sincerely,



Gerald Lewis, Chairman
Tribal Council

To make a monetary contribution, please go to **yakama.com** or follow this QR Code.

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