

WILDFIRE WEST OF DWORSHAK PROJECT– 19 AUGUST

WALLA WALLA DISTRICT, NORTHWESTERN DIVISION

What: Idaho Wildfire Near Transmission Lines

When: Line De-energized: 19-20 August 2023

Wildfire: 19 August – Growth stopped as of 22 August

Where: Approx. 1 Mile West of Dworshak Dam, Ahsahka, ID



Extent of Old Ahsahka Fire (red) as of 21 August. [Via airnow.gov](https://www.airnow.gov)

Fire is ongoing but no longer growing as of 22 August.

Downstream temperature impacts from lack of discharge are expected to be observed in the Snake River the week of 21 August

Timeline

19 August:

- Afternoon to Evening: Fire was Reported at Old Ahsahka Grade. Fire rapidly grew from 40 to 300 acres.
- 10:30pm PDT: 500kV powerline was de-energized as a precaution. Dworshak discharge decreased from planned 9,400cfs to between 2,100cfs and 2,400cfs.

20 August:

- 9:00am PDT: Fire was no longer deemed a threat to the 500kV line, which was re-energized.
- 11:00am: Dworshak discharge began ramp back up to planned flows at a rate of 500cfs/hour.
- 9:00pm: Dworshak finished ramping back up to planned flows of 9,000cfs.



Photo of Old Ahsahka Fire at Dworshak's 500kV Transmission Line. [Taken by Tyler Dammerman via Lewiston Tribune](https://www.lewistontribune.com)



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WILDFIRE NORTH OF OROFINO, ID – 29 AUGUST

WALLA WALLA DISTRICT, NORTHWESTERN DIVISION

What: Idaho Wildfire Near 115kV Transmission Line

When: Line De-energized: 29-30 August 2023

Wildfire: 29 August - Ongoing

Where: Just North of Orofino, ID

Timeline

29 August:

- 4:30pm PDT: 125kV powerline was de-energized as a precaution due to proximity of wildfire. Dworshak discharge decreased from planned 9,200cfs to 7,200cfs
- 5:30pm: The project began spilling 2,000cfs of water, bringing Dworshak discharge back to the planned value of 9,200cfs. Maximum TDG downstream of Dworshak was 105%.

30 August:

- 1:00am PDT: Fire was no longer deemed a threat to the 125kV line, which was re-energized.
- 1:00am – 2:30am: Turbine was brought back online, and the 2kcfs of spill was ramped down as powerhouse flow was simultaneously ramped back up to 9,200cfs.



Approximate location of Hospital Fire, north of Orofino, ID.



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