

This is KPTZ 91.9 FM in Port Townsend. I'm Taylor Nations with local news and commentary for Tuesday, August 27, 2024.

Yesterday morning another update on the wildfire near Brinnon was issued by the Western Incident Management Team: Type 3, and The Georgia Forestry Commission Incident Management Team, working together to manage the 2620 Road Fire.

As of yesterday, August 26, the area of the 2620 Road Fire – or Mt. Jupiter fire – near Brinnon was estimated to be 403 acres. This wildfire started on Wednesday, August 14 at approximately 5pm and the cause is still undetermined. No structures have been damaged.

Duckabush Road is now open!! Mt. Jupiter Road will remain closed to the general public. And all evacuation levels have been rescinded. The good news is: containment has risen to 81%! Crews continued to make incredible strides increasing fire containment. The rains that fell Friday and Saturday were a big help to turning the tide in fighting this fire. Resource needs are being constantly evaluated, some crews are being moved from one area to another, while some are being released. Many of the extensive hose lays are being moved to other areas of the fire or, if no longer needed, are being hauled off the mountain. The hard work of the crews during mop-up still continues around the fire, and some areas have moved into “patrol status”.

Once the arduous mop-up work is done in one area, it moves to a new status of “patrol”. During patrol, the fire area is still heavily watched each day, but no physical action is taken unless a smoking area or a hazard is seen. The transition to a Type 4 Commander, governed by Washington State DNR, is well underway. The new Incident Commander is already familiar with the fire and what resources are in place, or scheduled to depart and will be supported by a subset of the fire resources already in place.

The Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) remains in effect for the fire area. Remember, if you fly, they can't!!

The weather pattern will be warming with lessening chance of rain through the upcoming week.

Olympic National Forest closures are located at www.fs.usda.gov (<https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/fire/public-wildfire-information-websites>) and Olympic National Forest – Alert and Closures web page (<https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/olympic/alerts-notices>).

August is National Immunization Awareness Month. The Immunize Washington program is pleased to announce the recipients of this year's Immunize Washington awards. These awards recognize clinics across the state that meet or exceed state and national immunization goals for children and adolescents. A full list of the 2024 award recipients can be found here: <https://doh.wa.gov/public-health-provider-resources/public-health-system-resources-and-services/immunization/immunize-wa>.

The Immunize Washington program, which celebrates its 10th anniversary this year, was created in partnership with the Washington State Department of Health (DOH), Washington State Health Care Authority, the Washington State HPV Free Task Force, and all major health plans in Washington.

Michele Roberts, Assistant Secretary for Prevention and Community Health, DOH said, “Vaccines are the best protection we have against diseases like polio and hepatitis, but in recent years we've seen a drop in children completing their full immunization series, especially since the onset of COVID-19. The Immunize Washington

awards recognize providers across the state who are going above and beyond to have conversations with patients and make sure children get the protection they need. We are endlessly grateful for their support, and for their crucial role in creating healthy, safe communities.”

Immunize Washington awards are separated into three major categories:

1. “Childhood Immunizations” for children ages 24-35-months-old who are up to date with the recommended series of vaccines for polio, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella and more... (Four doses of DTaP, three doses of Polio, one dose of MMR, three doses of Hib, three doses of Hep B, one dose of Varicella, four doses of PCV, one dose of Hep A, two doses of Rotavirus, and two doses of Flu (HEDIS Combo 10).)
2. “Adolescent Immunizations” for children 13-years-old who are up to date on their immunizations. (One dose of Tdap, one dose of MCV, and UTD HPV (HEDIS Combo 2).)
3. And the “HPV Cancer Prevention Award” for patients 9-10-years old who are up to date with one dose of the HPV or Human papillomavirus vaccine.

Parents can learn more about required immunizations for the 2024-2025 school year here:

<https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2023-12/348284-IndividualVaccineReqs-2024-2025.pdf>.

A programming note: Though have not yet received confirmation that the BOCC Public Health Report from Dr. Allison Berry will occur at 9:45am on Tuesday, September 2 on KPTZ, we would still like to encourage any listeners with questions for Dr. Berry to submit them to contactus@kptz.org by this Friday, August 30 at noon.

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