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Subject: 24 Hour Preliminary Report: Lyons Ferry Fire

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Location: 2 Miles north of Perry, Washington, Lyons Ferry Fire

Date of occurrence: July 16, 2026

Time of occurrence: Approximately 1300

Activity: Fire suppression

Number injured: 2

Narrative: At approximately 1305 a notification was received of a burnover* of two DNR Helitack firefighters on the Lyons Ferry Fire. The three-person crew of DNR Helicopter 339WN were hot-spotting a flank. The area of the Lyons Ferry Fire is under a Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory issued on July 14th, 2026.

The fire experienced a wind shift causing a significant increase in fire behavior. Two of the firefighters (injured) moved to protect 339WN's landing zone and the equipment within. Moments later the fire overtook them.

The firefighters were transported to the local hospital. Both were evaluated, treated and released.

Shelters were not deployed in this incident, but at least one was removed from its outer case and ready for use.

Cc: DNR Wildland Fire Management Division

DNR Region Managers

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Washington State Fire Marshal

** Burnover: An event in which a fire moves through a location or overtakes personnel or equipment where there is no opportunity to utilize escape routes and safety zones, often resulting in personal injury or equipment damage. ~NWCG Glossary, [NWCG Glossary of Wildland Fire, PMS 205 | NWCG](#)*