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Wildland Fire closes access to Mt. Adams South Climb Trailhead in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest

VANCOUVER, WA – A wildland fire in the Mount Adams Ranger District of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest has closed access temporarily to the Cold Springs/South Climb Trailhead which serves as a primary access point for climbers of Mt. Adams (12, 276 elevation) in southwest Washington.

Fire crews from the Gifford Pinchot National Forest are involved in initial attack suppression of the 30-acre fire with hand crews and wildland fire engines.

Forest Roads 8040 accessing the trailhead has been temporarily closed. There are a number of vehicles at the trailhead, and the Forest Service is coordinating safe departure as climbers descend and leave the area.

“The fire is in a remote area with many dead trees so as always our highest priority is the safety of the public and firefighters” said Nancy Ryke, Mt. Adams District Ranger. “We will monitor the situation and, based upon the status of the fire, will assess any additional closures,” Ryke added.

An air tanker and one heavy firefighting helicopter and one medium sized firefighting helicopter are on scene or are in route to assist in suppressing the fire.

The fire is located about 11-miles northeast of Trout Lake, Washington. Smoke from the fire is visible in the Trout Lake Valley.

A lightning strike from a thunderstorm earlier this month is thought to be the cause of the fire.

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