

Our role was to work in conjunction with first responders and firefighters to first help locate and evacuate any residents or animals that needed assistance.



As the fire spread down the hillsides towards residences along the Wenatchee River we worked with local firefighters and hot shot units from Oregon and Washington to inspect each residence (primary or secondary) to ensure evacuation was taken. If residences were found to be vacated we worked in unison to check around the property for animals still on the property and relocated them if necessary.

Secondarily we assisted fire crews in pumping water out of the Wenatchee River into canvas holding tanks so that fire trucks could return and be refilled for use along the fifteen mile stretch of road from Coles Corner towards Leavenworth.



As the fire came closer to being contained in the Tumwater Canyon area we continued to work alongside fire crews to check for hot spots throughout the canyon and reported them to the firefighters working that section of the canyon.



During and throughout the deployment we also assisted in the movement of animals that were in heavy smoke filled areas. Fortunately throughout the deployment we only had a couple of

dogs who had singed paws and one horse who had suffered first degree burns along her face and upper neck that required veterinary attention.



As is always the case, responding to natural disasters is extremely stressful from both a physical and emotional standpoint. We want to thank Paul and his DOT crew for keeping the road safe throughout the deployment. We also want to commend the local fire crews and the professional firefighters from Prineville, Oregon and those from Twisp and Spokane who worked the canyon area. They were extremely efficient and professional in all of their actions and duties.

Here at Joplin's Sanctuary and Animal Rescue we are proud to have worked alongside them in the response efforts to the Chiwaukum Complex fires.

If you would like to donate to our sanctuary and animal rescue efforts to help offset some of our costs in responding to these types of natural disasters it would be greatly appreciated. As in most deployments we are not reimbursed for our expenses as we are an all volunteer non-profit entity.

Thank you in advance for your interest and potential support of what we do.