

A Community Facing a Historic Disaster

The wildfires impacting District 5080 in Spokane County, Stevens County, and British Columbia are the most devastating disasters in our District's history.

More than 67,000 residents have been displaced, and over one thousand homes and structures have been lost. Although many community members have lost everything, we are deeply grateful that no fatalities have been reported at this time.

The extraordinary dedication of firefighters, first responders, emergency personnel, and Community volunteers who continue to protect lives and property is heroic.

Rotary Responds

Rotarians have always answered the call to serve, and once again our Rotary family is stepping forward and asking how they can help.

The District 5080 Disaster Relief fund (501c3), is available to provide funding for the cleanup efforts and support that will be necessary after the fires have been contained.

Please consider a donation to the District 5080 Disaster Relief Fund as Rotarians prepare to assist our neighbors in the coming weeks, months, and years. Options include:

- **PayPal:** Enter "5080CharitableFund@gmail.com"
- **Check** payable to: District 5080 Charitable Fund. Mail to 3833 E. Eloika Road, Deer Park, WA 99006-9127. Please enter "Disaster Response" in the memo line."

Disaster Aid USA is on the ground in Spokane preparing to assist with the cleanup efforts and is seeking volunteers.

Dan Crawford, a Rotarian from the Coeur Alene (Friday) club and a leader within Disaster Aid USA, will coordinate our Rotary disaster response.

If you are able, please answer the call to serve by clicking the link below; then select "Northwest Fires Rotary 5080 Volunteer Opportunity"

<https://volunteer.disasteraidusa.org/>

Rotarians are family.

When our neighbors need help, we answer the call.

Thank you for your generosity and your commitment to Service Above Self.

Steve Roberge

District 5080 Governor 2026/2027