Williams Flats and Lundstrom Butte Fires Update
Northwest Interagency Incident Management Team 8, Incident Commander: Doug Johnson
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Fire Information: (509) 634-7341 (8:00 am to 9:00 pm); 2019.williamsflats@firenet.gov
Facebook Pages – Colville Tribal Broadcast, News and Information
Williams Flats Fire

The Williams Flats Fire remains on the west side of the Columbia River, on the Colville Reservation.

Special Announcements:
In order to promote public safety, the Colville Tribes Emergency Services has instituted several road closures with limited entry for the Williams Flats Fire area. The restrictions will allow firefighters to work safely along Silver Creek Road and elsewhere in advance of the fire. Traffic control points are being established at:

- The junction of Silver Creek Road and Ninemile-Hellgate Road, also known as the “Four Corners”;
- The junction of Olds Creek Road and the Ninemile-Frosty Meadows Road; and
- The junction of Silver Creek Road and Kuehne Road.

Only residents will be allowed through the control points to their residences within the affected areas. If the fire approaches Silver Creek Road, or if smoke restricts visibility to the point that firefighters are at risk, only fire and other emergency vehicles will be allowed through the traffic control points.

If stopped and asked to turn around by Tribal employees at a traffic control point, please remember that they are trying to keep you and the firefighters working along the roads safe.

The Level 1 evacuation notice issued on August 7, 2019 for the Fruitland area by Stevens County Sheriff’s Office and Stevens County Fire District #2, in conjunction with the Spokane Tribe of Indians, remains in effect for Enterprise, Two Rivers and West End communities. For a full description see the Stevens County Sheriff’s Office Facebook page.

Evacuation Notices issued for homes near the Williams Flats Fire by the Colville Tribes Emergency Services and the Ferry County Sheriff’s Office remains in effect. For a full description of all, see the Ferry County Sheriff’s Office Facebook page or the Colville Tribes Emergency Services Facebook page.

The following Evacuation Notices remain in effect:
- Level 3 - Southwest of Wilmont Creek to Whitestone Lookout Road
- Level 2:
  - All residents in the Wilmont Creek drainage.
  - One resident in Goat/Hellgate Ranch.
- Level 1 - All residents and campers along the shoreline of Lake Roosevelt/Columbia River from the Falls Creek/Cougar Canyon Road (the area sometimes called the Smoke Ranch) south to Wilmont Creek Road. This includes the Rogers Bar Campground. The Colville Tribes Emergency Services requests evacuees go to the Inchelium Community Center and check in. If they need a shelter, a place to stay overnight will be arranged at or near the Community Center

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Acreage: 40,000
Containment: 25%

Current Fire Information: The west flank remains in patrol status. On the north flank, firefighters are proceeding northeast along Silver Creek Road from Frielanders Meadow to the Four Corners area using logging equipment to remove debris and vegetation to construct an indirect containment line. On the north and east flank, the Structure Protection Group will continue to assess homes in the Four Corners area for burnout operations and point protection strategies. This includes setting up sprinklers and removing flammable fuels between homes and the fire. Johnny George Lookout is also being protected.

Initial attack firefighting resources are available to respond to any new fire starts.

Lundstrom Butte Fire
Acreage: 10 – Final
Containment: 100%

Current Fire Information: The fire is in patrol status.

Resources: Total personnel assigned –1.133: 9-type 1 hand crews, 11-type 2 IA hand crews, 8-type 2 hand crews, 5-heavy helicopters, 2- medium helicopters, 1-light helicopter, 4-ambulances, 43-engines, 15-dozers, 2-masticator, 4-skidgens, and 31-water tenders. Additional firefighting resources continue to arrive.

Weather: Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms possible. There’s a 20 percent chance of rain up with up to a .10 of an inch or less expected. Temperatures will be in the 80-85 degree range with a maximum humidity of 35-40 percent. Ridgetop winds will be Southeast - South 1-3 mph. The upslope/upvalley winds will be 4-8 mph.

Air Quality: For the latest information regarding smoke and air quality see [https://wasmoke.blogspot.com](https://wasmoke.blogspot.com)

Closures and Evacuations: Refer to the Special Announcements section for information on road closures and evacuations. Multiple roads are closed to public including: Kuehne, Nine Mile-Hellgate Road, Refrigerator Canyon, and Canteen Creek Roads. Closures are in place to provide safety to the firefighters and the public, so please respect those closures.

Helicopters are dipping and fire boss planes are scooping from nearby Lake Roosevelt for suppression efforts and need space to work. The public is asked to avoid these aircraft activity areas on the water. The area is being patroled by the the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation Law Enforcement.

A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) of 10 miles surrounds the Williams Flats and Lundstrom Fires. The area is required for the large aircraft to safely manuever when dropping retardant. Please refer to the Notice to Airmen before flying near the area.