

Kettle Complex Fire Update

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Ferry County Fire Districts



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF Natural Resources

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British Columbia Wildfire Services



Colville National Forest



Pacific Northwest Incident Management Team 2



Bureau of Land Management

Fire Update – Saturday, August 29, 2015 – 9:00 a.m.

Saturday's winds will be much stronger as a cold front moves into the area in the morning, with constant winds in the afternoon of 20 miles per hour and gusts reaching 45 miles per hour at higher elevations. Air resources could be grounded due to the high winds. Light showers may bring up to 0.25 inches of rain through tomorrow. Air quality specialists predict air quality could improve in some areas, with the level of health concern falling to the moderate range over the next two days.

Specific crews, engines, and fireline supervisors are ready to assist with protecting structures in the Republic area, if needed.

The **Stickpin Fire** is now estimated at 53,469 acres (21,638 hectares). Crews on the northwest corner of the fire were prevented from using controlled burning due to increased humidity but the fire is being held in place with firelines they have constructed. On the northeast corner of the fire, three crews from BC Wildfire Service along with fireline supervisors and heavy equipment made progress constructing fireline to reduce the threat to Christina Lake and Grand Forks BC, the Highway 395 corridor, and the Orient watershed. Canadian helicopter operations may continue along the northeast corner if weather allows. The north end of the fire is still approximately 4.7 kilometers (2.9 miles) south of the Canadian border.

Along the western edge of the fire, firefighters continue to strengthen and connect segments of the fireline to protect the Route 21 corridor. Firefighters along the southwest edge of the fire completed direct fireline construction to reduce the risk of fire advancing south and impacting the Sherman Pass (Highway 20). On the southeast side of the fire, options are being examined for effective fireline locations.

Renner Fire: The Renner Fire is approximately 12,495 acres. Firefighters enhanced the fire line along the southwest edge of the fire to help protect structures south of Davis Lake and on the southeast to protect structures in the Deadman Creek area. On the east side of the fire, fireline has been in place for several days.

Approximately 7.5 miles southwest of the Renner Fire, the **Graves Mountain Fire** spotted to the north (across South Deadman Creek road) on Thursday evening. Fire managers on the Kettle Complex are closely coordinating with the fire personnel on that incident, and plan to create new fireline as a protection measure for homes in the area. Pacific Northwest (PNW) Team 2 may be assigned that fire again Wednesday after the other incident management team reaches the end of their assignment period.

Roy Road Fire: Mop-up continues on the 120-acre Roy Road Fire.

Closure Information: Deer Creek-Boulder Creek County Road 602 remains closed because of significant hazards through the fire area. Highway 20 is recommended as an alternate route. The portion of the Colville National Forest from the Canadian Border to Highway 20, between Highway 21 and US Highway 395 is closed. All trails, roads, and access are temporarily closed due to extreme fire activity. No campfires, charcoal or chainsaw use are allowed.

Evacuation/Aid Information: The level 3 evacuation is from Mile Marker 247 to Mile Marker 253 to the west of Highway 395, which includes the Matsen Creek Community including Matsen Creek Road, Jackknife Road and Deadman Creek Road, Anderson Road, Harter Rd, Pool Rd., Carson Rd, BJ's Road, and Murphy Rd.

Red Cross shelters are established at **Grace Evangelical Free Church**, 851 S. Miner St., Colville, the **American Legion**, 1057 Highway 395 N, Kettle Falls and the **Inchelium Community Health Center**, 39 Shortcut Road, Inchelium.

Quick Facts	
Incident Summary	
Approximate Acreages:	Stickpin: 53,469 acres (21,638 hectares) Renner: 12,495 acres Roy: 120 acres Total: 66,084 acres
Fire Containment:	Stickpin: 20% Renner: 15% Roy: 80%
Incident Commander:	Chris Schulte, Pacific Northwest National Incident Management Team 2
Resources on the Fires:	Crews: 15 Engines: 56 Water Tenders: 26 Bulldozers: 27 Helicopters: 3
Total Personnel:	971
Structures destroyed:	Renner: 1 Roy: 1
Jurisdictions:	
Ferry County Fire Districts (FD) 13 Ferry/Okanogan Fire Protection District 14 Ferry County FD 3 / Stevens County FD 8 Ferry County Sheriff's Office Washington State DNR USDA-Forest Service – Colville Ntl. Forest Bureau of Land Mgmt.	

SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

InciWeb: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4536/>
Twitter: @KettleComplex
Facebook: <http://tinyurl.com/KettleCmplxFire>
 Ferry County 911: <http://tinyurl.com/ferrycty911>
Road & Hwy Info: wsdot.com **Twitter:** @wsdot
Smoke Info: <http://wasmoke.blogspot.com/> or <http://smoke.afire.org/monitoring/#/>
Colville NF: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/colville>

ASSISTANCE PHONE NUMBERS

Red Cross: 509-663-3907
Washington State Patrol: 509-682-8090
Ferry County EOC Call Center: 509-775-3132
Stevens County EOC Call Center: 509-684-7598

Northeast Washington Wildfire Updates:
 509-684-7260 509-684-7261 509-684-7263