

Kettle Complex Fire Update

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Ferry County Fire Districts



Washington State DNR



British Columbia Wildfire Services



Colville National Forest



Pacific Northwest Incident Management Team 2



Bureau of Land Management

Fire Update – Monday, August 31, 2015 – 9:00 a.m.

Shows moved across the Kettle Complex bringing much needed moisture to the fire area. Incident Meteorologist Bob Topin reported that the fire received between one-tenth and two-tenths of an inch of precipitation Sunday. Rain showers and cooler than normal temperatures are predicted throughout the rest of this week with a return of sunshine by the end of the weekend.

The rain and the higher humidity have both contributed to slow the spread of the fires. However, the fire area has not received enough moisture to penetrate the larger fuels, and in some cases, the rain has not yet penetrated the forest canopy. Once this cold rainy weather passes, it may only take a few days of warmer temperatures, steady wind and dry weather to bring burning conditions back to the place they were a week ago.

Stickpin Fire: The north end of the fire remains 2.9 miles (4.7 kilometers) south of the Canadian border. Firefighters were able to take advantage of the cooler weather to begin the process of putting hand line around the smaller wind-driven slopovers on the west, northwest and northeast sides of the fire. Today crews will continue to strengthen firelines around those slopover areas. Along the western edge of the fire, firefighters will continue to improve lines to keep the fire from moving towards Curlew and the Route 21 corridor.

Renner Fire: Yesterday, additional fire line was built and firefighters were able to put fireline around the one small slopover caused by the high winds on Saturday. Today, crews and heavy equipment will continue to improve the fireline near Thompson Ridge that protect homes in the Deadman Creek area. Mop-up is in progress along the Highway 395 corridor.

Graves Mountain Fire: The Kettle Fire Complex PNW2 Incident Command Team assumed command of this fire at 6:00 am this morning. Fire crews and fire personnel with heavy equipment are working to put containment line around the portion of the fire that crossed South Deadman during the wind event on Saturday.

Roy Road Fire: The 120 acre Roy Road Fire is in monitor status.

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 fire organization, in partnership with Ferry County has crew dedicated to clearing hazard trees from the roadsides. 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. Shelters are established at **Grace Evangelical Free Church**, 851 S. Miner St., Colville (Red Cross), the **American Legion** (as needed), 1057 Highway 395 N, Kettle Falls and the **Inchelium Community Center** (Private), 1 Loop Road, Inchelium.

Quick Facts Incident Summary

Approximate Acreages:	Stickpin: 53,469 acres (21,638 hectares) Renner: 12,495 acres Roy: 120 acres Graves: 7,878 Total: 73,962 acres
Fire Containment:	Stickpin: 20% Renner: 15% Roy: 80% Graves: 21%
Incident Commander:	Chris Schulte, Pacific Northwest National Incident Management Team 2
Resources on the Fires:	Crews: 25 Engines: 75 Water Tenders: 34 Bulldozers: 30 Helicopters: 3
Total Personnel:	1178
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 USDI-Bureau of Land Management	

SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

InciWeb: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4536/>
Twitter: @KettleComplex
Facebook: <http://tinyurl.com/KettleCmplxFire>
Ferry County 911: <http://tinyurl.com/ferrrycty911>
Road & Hwy Info: wsdot.com **Twitter:** @wsdot
Smoke Info: <http://wasmoke.blogspot.com/> or <http://smoke.afire.org/monitoring/#/>

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

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