

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 – Tuesday, September 1, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.

As of 10 a.m. this morning, Ferry County evacuation levels were reduced. There are no longer any Level 3 evacuation areas. Here is the new description of evacuation levels from Ferry County Sheriff's Office:

The area from Deadman Creek Road to Nancy Creek Road is now a level 2. The area south of Nancy Creek Road is now a level 1. The area east of Hwy 395 is reduced to a level 1. The area West of Hwy 395 from Boulder Creek Rd. south to Deadman Creek Rd is reduced to a level 2. The area north of Boulder Creek Rd to Humes Rd/Eslick Rd are reduced to a level 1.

Scattered light showers continued across the Kettle Complex Monday. Rainfall amounts measure approximately one-third of an inch toward the north end of the Stickpin Fire. The south end of the Renner Fire and Kettle Falls area received approximately two one-hundredths of an inch. Several disturbances will move through the fire area this week resulting in chances for afternoon showers with the possibility of thunderstorms on Thursday and Friday.

Fire Behavior Analyst Brad Washa cautioned that the rain the fire area has received this week is only a season-slowing event, and not a season-ending event. He referenced the 2003 and 2006 years, when large fires occurred after a similar moist weather pattern in the Ferry County area. Though fire activity has decreased, there is still the potential for open flame occurring in stump holes and heavy fuels with some smoldering occurring.

Stickpin Fire: The fire has not grown in two days and remains 2.9 miles (4.7 kilometers) south of the Canadian border. Firefighters who have been working the night shift on the Renner fire have transitioned to day shift and will be joining the fire crews from British Columbia today as they work to construct and reinforce handline on the northeast corner of the Stickpin Fire. Fire crews and heavy equipment operators continue to hold and improve the fire lines on the west side.

Renner Fire: Firefighters continue to strengthen and improve firelines in the Deadman and Matsen Creek areas. Burnout operations to secure the northern perimeter have been delayed due to recent rainfall. Handcrews will continue to take advantage of the moderation in fire behavior to both improve fireline and mop up along the US Highway 395 corridor.

Graves Mountain Fire: Where accessible, a dozer-built fireline has circled the burned area north of South Deadman Creek Road. Fire crews are utilizing natural barriers whenever possible and will continue to navigate steeper terrain in order to dig fire containment lines.

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

Closure Information: Trees continue to fall across the Deer Creek-Boulder Creek County Road 602. For public safety, this road remains closed. The Kettle Complex, in partnership with Ferry County, has personnel dedicated to clearing hazard trees from the roadsides. See Colville National Forest closures due to fire activity on their website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/colville>.

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: 19 Engines: 71 Water Tenders: 24 Bulldozers: 26 Helicopters: 3
Total Personnel:	1102
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/ferrycty911>

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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