

Fire Update

Friday, September 4, 2015, PM

Carpenter Road Fire – Fruitland, Washington

Location: 35 miles NW of Spokane, WA;

Information Center: 509-722-6010 or 509-722-6040

Incident Commander: Doug Johnson

Inciweb: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4549/>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/CarpenterRoadFire

Washington Smoke Information: <http://wasmoke.blogspot.com/>



Current Situation:

The Carpenter Road Fire is estimated at 64,903 acres and 55% containment.

The Springdale – Hunters Road has reopened to the public and drivers are asked to drive cautiously due to continuing fire related operations and heavy traffic. The Hunters Campground in the Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area has also reopened. Recreationists will see occasional water tenders near the lake drawing water for fire suppression use.

Wind gusts to 25 miles per hour will be seen in the fire area tomorrow, however, the wind will be followed by a wetting rain which should help to reduce heat in the fire. A warming and drying trend is forecasted after the rain this weekend.

To the south of the Springdale – Hunters Road, rehabilitation work, mop-up, and line holding continues. Hand held infra-red heat detection devices are being used along the fire edges to locate heat sources for mop-up. Today, a small burn-out operation was successful on the east flank of the fire. On the north side of the Springdale – Hunters Road, direct line is being reinforced and good progress is being made to contain the fire. Some burning was seen in the fire interior in lighter, grassy fuels. The structure protection crews continue to assist as needed and check around homes for heat.

Five helicopters will be available tomorrow to assist firefighters in their efforts. National Guard troops have also been deployed to help cool hot spots on the fire perimeter and near structures.

A spike camp near Valley has been established for approximately 150 personnel. There is currently no fire movement in this direction; the camp will improve firefighter safety by reducing travel time to the fire line.

Closures and Evacuation Information:

- Stevens County EOC: 509 684-7598 or www.co.stevens.wa.us
- Spokane Tribal Police: 509 258-4400

Resources Assigned: 988 personnel (total)

- 29 crews; 5 helicopters; 68 engines (wildland & structural); 22 Dozers; 20 Water Tenders; 3 Masticators

Please follow local fire restrictions and remain mindful of fire prevention. The Industrial Fire Protection Level (IFPL) may be changing. Please check the Washington Department of Natural Resources website for further updates on the IFPL levels at <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/ifpl>

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