

# Fire Update

Saturday, September 5, 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](http://www.facebook.com/CarpenterRoadFire)

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



### Current Situation:

**The Carpenter Road Fire is estimated at 64,903 acres and 60% containment.**

Significant amounts of precipitation fell over the fire area last night and today. The incident command post at Fruitland Bible Camp received over 1 inch of rain. The remote automated weather station (RAWS) at the south end of the fire measured 1.5 inches of rain and the RAWS at the north end approximately .6 inches. This rain kept fire behavior to a minimum and helped to cool areas of smaller fuels.

The risk to firefighters versus the gain by engaging on the fireline was considered when deciding on the firefighting tactics for the day. Firefighters attempted to engage on the fire lines but due to the poor weather and slick conditions, the majority were pulled back. Others were able to complete work including diverting muddy rain run-off away from fish bearing streams. The structure protection group was busy assessing homes and structures. The rain is expected to slack off by tomorrow with periodic isolated showers. The winds are forecasted to be slight from the south-southeast and switching to west-southwest with gust on the ridges up to 16 mph. The relative humidity is expected to drop into the 30-35% range. A warming and drying trend is expected by mid-week.

The fire lines have been holding and mop-up work is being helped by the continued moisture. Fire management's objective is to mop up 100 feet off the fire's perimeter and 200 feet around any structure. Hand held infra-red heat detection devices support crews by locating heat sources along the fire edges. Work continues to create tighter containment along the fire's edge reducing the number of acres burned. Fuels that are on the ground and protected by the cover of trees will continue to burn. Larger fuels and slash piles will still hold heat and burn slowly.

The Springdale-Hunters Road is open. Motorists should drive cautiously due to slick roads, reduced visibility and fire apparatus. The Hunters Campground in the Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area is open. Recreationists will see occasional water tenders near the lake drawing water for fire suppression use.

### Closures and Evacuation Information:

- Stevens County EOC: 509 684-7598 or [www.co.stevens.wa.us](http://www.co.stevens.wa.us)
- Spokane Tribal Police: 509 258-4400

### Resources Assigned: 1041 personnel (total)

- 30 crews; 5 helicopters; 67 engines (wildland & structural); 20 Dozers; 17 Water Tenders; 4 Masticators

Please follow local fire restrictions and remain mindful of fire prevention. The Industrial Fire Protection Level (IFPL) has changed in some zones. 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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