

Fire Update

Monday, September 7, 2015, AM

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 65,068 acres and 70% containment.

Yesterday afternoon, multiple rounds of gun fire were discharged near the fire area. The number one objective of every fire management organization is to provide for firefighter and public safety during wildland fire suppression efforts. Firefighters will not engage if their safety is in question. **Please be cautious during any activities near the firefighters and suppression efforts.**

Along the southern portion of the fire, mostly along tribal lands, suppression repair work is well underway. Crews assigned to the west and northwest areas of the fire are in a patrol and mop up. This is to ensure that any remaining hot spots within the burn area do not make their way beyond the containment line. Firefighters in the northeast division will continue to construct direct lines along the fire's edge. Additional crews will start mop up and suppression repair on unused containment lines.

Again today, the moderate weather will assist firefighters and no growth is expected.

A spike camp for approximately 150 people has been established in Valley at the District #4 Fire Station. The spike camp provides for increased firefighter efficiency and reduces drive times by two hours.

The Springdale-Hunters Road is open. The Hunters Campground in the Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area is open. Recreationists will see occasional water tenders near the lake drafting water at the boat ramp for fire suppression support.

Closures and Evacuation Information:

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

Resources Assigned: 1030 personnel (total)

- 30 crews; 6 helicopters; 62 engines (wildland & structural); 16 Dozers; 17 Water Tenders; 4 Masticators

A warming and drying trend is expected Wednesday with higher temperatures and lower relative humidity. Light fuels will begin to dry out quickly and become more susceptible to carry fire so please follow local fire restrictions and remain mindful of fire prevention. For up to date information on the Industrial Fire Protection Level (IFPL), please check the Washington Department of Natural Resources website at <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/ifpl>

Local schools will open Tuesday morning. Please slow down, watch for children and school buses along with firefighting traffic on the highways.

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