

Fire Update

Monday, September 7, 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/>



A Community Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening at 6:00 PM in Hunters at the Columbia School. A current update on the Carpenter Road Fire will be given and an opportunity to ask questions will be provided.

Current Situation:

The Carpenter Road Fire remains estimated at 65,068 acres and is now 85% contained.

Firefighters were fully engaged on the containment lines of the Carpenter Road Fire today. Crews continued to take advantage of the cooler temperatures and moisture and finished construction of containment lines surrounding the entire fire. Firefighters patrolled for hot spots and mopped up existing spots; and repaired suppression lines by smoothing berms and installing waterbars on alternate and interior firelines. Firefighters prepared equipment for back hauling to the Incident Command Post.

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

Demobilization of excess resources will increase over the next few days as the suppression repair work wraps-up. The resources will be available to assist on other fires or return home for much needed rest.

The public is asked to please be cautious during any activities near the firefighters and suppression efforts.

Closures and Evacuation Information:

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

Resources Assigned: 902 personnel (total)

- 27 crews; 4 helicopters; 48 engines (wildland & structural); 12 Dozers; 12 Water Tenders; 3 Masticators

Tomorrow's weather is expected to be slightly warmer with a chance of isolated showers throughout the day. 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 tomorrow morning. Please slow down and watch for children. Also watch for increased traffic of school buses along with firefighting equipment on the roads and highways.