

Fire Update

Tuesday, September 8, 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.nwccg.gov/incident/4549/>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/CarpenterRoadFire

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



Current Situation:

The Carpenter Road Fire remains estimated at 65,068 acres and is 90% contained.

Despite the rains that fell over the weekend, fire season is not over, and the long term drought conditions remain. A warming and drying trend returns tomorrow. Larger fuels and deep duff, especially under dense tree canopies, still carry heat and will continue to burn into the fall. Expect to see smoke and burning of small fuel concentrations as the season progresses. Minimal fire behavior is expected.

Crews continued patrol, mop-up and repair in and around the fire area. Firefighters have been gridding and using hand-held heat detectors to pinpoint hot spots. Heavy equipment was used on various flanks to repair roads and dozer lines. Crews continue to monitor and patrol the entire fire, vigilant of any changes in smoke and fire movement.

Washington State mobilized resources were released at end of today's shift. The National Guard resources will be demobilized tomorrow morning. Demobilization of excess resources will continue over the next few days as the suppression repair work wraps-up. The Australian overhead resources will be rested for two days and made available for other wildland assignments before returning to their homeland later this month.

Closures and Evacuation Information:

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

Resources Assigned: 855 personnel (total)

- 27 crews; 4 helicopters; 38 engines (wildland & structural); 8 Dozers; 9 Water Tenders; 1 Masticators

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>

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