

Fire Update

Wednesday, September 9, 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 remains estimated at 65,068 acres and is 90% contained.

The weather is predicted to be warm and dry for the next several days, with no precipitation in the forecast. Extreme drought conditions still exist. Trees that have been weakened from drought and fire pose an additional safety hazard to firefighters. Healthy looking trees are breaking well above eye level, causing overhead hazards. Crews will continue to patrol the entire perimeter and mop-up any hotspots. Firefighters are using hand held infrared cameras to detect heat along the perimeter of the fire and near structures. One portion of the fire, along the east side, still has visible smoke. Backhauling of hose and supplies that are no longer being used will continue around the fire. Water bars are being installed to divert run off water along fire lines on steep slopes, and on roads that were opened up for fire suppression.

Washington State mobilized resources were released yesterday and the National Guard was reassigned to higher priority fires. 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 Masticator

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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