

Fire Update

Friday, September 11, 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/>



Today we pause to remember the anniversary of 9/11. Please honor the families affected and pay tribute to those who keep our nation safe.

Guided tours of the Incident Command Post at Fruitland Bible Camp will be offered to the public Saturday at 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm plus Sunday at 2:00 pm. Guests will learn about the Incident Command System and the functions of an Incident Management Team during large incidents. Please wear sturdy shoes and be prepared for touring in the sun.

Current Situation:

The Carpenter Road Fire acres have been reduced to 63,972 due to more accurate mapping and remains at 90% contained.

Warmer temperatures over the fire area are expected to increase the likelihood of more smoke becoming visible. Firefighters will patrol looking for these heat sources and mopping-up these areas up while adhering to agency guidelines.

Crews are conducting repair work on all perimeters of the fires. Firefighters are focusing on the 93 miles of suppression repair to perimeter and alternate fire lines including constructing water bars and employing actions to control runoff and reduce soil erosion. Heavy equipment will continue to assist firefighters. Chipping and mastication of fuels will reduce slash piles created during fire line construction. This woody material will help with reducing the likelihood of erosion.

The public is asked to refrain from going near the fire area on interior roads for public and firefighter safety. Fire managers would like to remind the public to watch out for fire equipment working in the area. Bow hunting season is open and hunters and outdoor enthusiasts should use caution while recreating on private and public lands.

Extreme drought conditions still exist, creating very receptive fuels. Any spark or flame may ignite a wildfire, so please follow local fire restrictions and remain mindful of fire prevention.

Closures and Evacuation Information:

- Stevens County EOC: (509) 684-7598 or www.co.stevens.wa.us
- On Tribal lands, the fire perimeter remains closed while other Tribal lands are open. For more information please contact the Spokane Tribal Police: (509) 258-4400.

Resources Assigned: 514 personnel (total)

- 14 crews; 1 helicopter; 27 engines (wildland & structural); 9 Dozers; 5 Water Tenders; 5 Excavators; 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>