

# Fire Update

Sunday, September 13, 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](http://www.facebook.com/CarpenterRoadFire)

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



### Current Situation

The fire perimeter encompasses 63,972 acres, nearly 100 square miles, and is 95% contained.

Change is a key word for the coming week. The hot dry conditions Friday and Saturday provided fire managers with a good test of their containment lines and the lines held without incident. Cooler temperatures and an increasing probability of precipitation are anticipated as the week progresses. Such conditions should be favorable for making the fire perimeter more secure.

The second change is the departure of Oregon Interagency Incident Management Team 3 which will be replaced by a smaller organization. Sufficient progress has been made to downsize the forces required to complete the remaining work. Monday, the new organization's leadership will accompany their counterparts to familiarize themselves with the conditions and work at hand. Tuesday, the new organization will assume full responsibility for continuing operations commonly referred to as a "transition".

Despite the impending leadership changes, the work remains very similar. The western half of the fire has met established standards and suppression repairs are virtually complete. An inventory of all suppression lines is being catalogued to assure that all repairs are accomplished. Heavy equipment is being repositioned on the eastern flank where the focus will be on the repairs needed in the Springdale-Hunters Road vicinity, including the road corridor.

In the interest of safety, the public, including archery hunters and other recreationists, is asked to refrain from going near the fire area or driving on interior roads. Heavy equipment and firefighters continue to work in the area and fire managers remind the public to watch out for them.

### Closures and Evacuation Information:

- Stevens County EOC: (509) 684-7598 or [www.co.stevens.wa.us](http://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.

### Assigned: 350 personnel (total)

9 crews; 1 helicopter; 20 engines (wildland & structural); 9 Dozers; 4 Water Tenders; 5 Excavators; 1 Masticator

### Fire Prevention:

Roadside fires are extremely common this time of year. Be particularly cautious any time you pull a trailer; ensure your tires are inflated to the proper level and check the grease on your wheel bearings to avoid a blown tire. A safety chain dragging too low will bounce off the road surface and produce sparks that are difficult to see as you drive and start fires without you being aware of the ignition. Avoid driving your vehicle off of road surfaces and into tall grasses. Catalytic converters and exhaust systems heat up to very high temperatures, easily igniting dry grasses and shrubs.