

Fire Update

Monday, September 14, 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/>



This will be the last Carpenter Road Fire Update from Oregon Interagency Incident Management Team 3 (Oregon Team 3). A Type 3 organization, with unified incident commanders Roger Brandom and Adam Barnes, will assume command of the Carpenter Road Fire at 6 am tomorrow morning. The Incident Command Post will remain at the Fruitland Bible Camp.

Oregon Team 3 wishes to thank the Spokane Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs; Spokane District Bureau of Land Management; Washington Department of Natural Resources; Stevens County Fire Protection Districts; multiple partners; and surrounding communities for the great cooperation and support while we safely managed the suppression efforts on the Carpenter Road Fire.

Current Situation

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

Oregon Interagency Incident Management Team 3 will be replaced by a smaller organization. Sufficient progress has been made to downsize the firefighting forces required to complete the remaining work. Today, the new organization's leadership accompanied 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".

Cooler temperatures, gusty winds, and scattered showers were experienced over the fire area today. The fire behavior analyst anticipates a down trend and reduced fire behavior with rain in the forecast for the next several days.

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
- 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: 306 personnel (total)

7 crews; 1 helicopter; 20 engines (wildland & structural); 8 Dozers; 3 Water Tenders; 5 Excavators; 2 Masticators

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