

# Fire Update

Wednesday, September 16, 2015, AM

## Carpenter Road Fire – Fruitland, Washington

**Location:** 35 miles NW of Spokane, WA;

**Information Center:** (509) 722-6040

**Incident Commanders:** Roger Brandom, Ed Lewis, Unified Command

**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 Carpenter Road Fire remains at 63,972 acres and 95% containment.

Tuesday's weather was partly cloudy and cool. Today is anticipated to be very similar until later in the day when rain showers are expected to develop. These showers are forecast to intensify and develop into a wetting rain spanning into Thursday.

The laborious task of identifying remaining hidden heat sources near the containment lines is nearing completion. Trained infrared sensor operators are expected to have the entire perimeter monitored within the next two days. The data from their work aids firefighters in extinguishing hot spots and securing containment lines. Field scouts are actively searching the fire's interior for additional damaged structures and early fire lines that were subsequently abandoned as they were burned over. The structures will be added to the damage assessment and the fire lines will be evaluated for repair needs.

Heavy equipment and hand crews continue to do erosion control, fill furrows, chip or grind cut brush and slash and pile the logs from trees felled along the approximately 93 miles of line constructed during the suppression effort. They are also tasked with securing a 200 foot perimeter around buildings within the fire's interior. Patrols on previously secured and repaired lines report very little fire activity proximate to containment lines. Some interior burning will continue until season's end, but are not viewed as a threat.

### **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.

### **Resources Assigned:** 246 personnel (total)

- 8 crews; 1 helicopter; 9 engines (wildland & structural); 8 Dozers; 3 Water Tenders; 4 Excavators; 2 Masticators; 2 Chippers

**Fire Prevention:** After a historically hot, dry summer, cooler fall temperatures provide a welcome respite. It is also a good time to perform needed maintenance on home heating systems, especially those that utilize wood fuel. Clean chimneys and intact chimney caps and spark screens can prevent unpleasant early season surprises when the fire is lit to take the chill off.

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