



Oregon Incident Management
Team 2

Colville Complex Update
Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2015, 10:00 a.m.
Fire Information: 509-279-6795
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<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4562/#>

Yesterday's Operations: Firefighters continued to mop-up the perimeter and around structures on the Marble Valley and Gold Hill Fires yesterday. The Marble Valley Fire is now estimated to be 95% contained and the Gold Hill Fire at 87% containment.

Work on the Graves Mountain Fire focused on strengthening the fire line along the southern flank to protect powerline and highway infrastructure. Operations on the west flank continued to construct dozer and hand line toward Graves Mountain. On the east flank successful firing and holding operations tied-in to the fire line on the south and moved north along Forest Road 200. The Graves Mountain Fire grew approximately 102 acres and is now estimated to be 12% contained.

Weather and Fire Behavior: A Red Flag Warning continues through this evening for hot, dry and unstable air mass over the area providing the potential for high fire activity, particularly at elevations above the thick smoke enveloping the area. Stagnant and smokey conditions are forecast to persist at lower elevations for the next several days.

Today's Operations: Work on the Marble Valley and Gold Hill Fires will again focus on mopping-up 100 feet from the fire's perimeter and 200 feet around structures. Handheld infrared sensors will be used on a section of line on the east flank of the Marble Valley Fire to ensure there is no remaining heat along that portion of the fire line. Firefighters on the Graves Mountain Fire will be holding and mopping-up the control lines established by firing operations on the southern and eastern flanks. Firefighters on the east and west flanks will continue to construct fire line towards the ridgeline running east and west from Graves Mountain. Contingency lines will be extended from the established control lines along the southern flank to the east to protect structures and infrastructure should the fire escape the established control lines.

Air quality continues to be impaired by the numerous fires in region. For current air quality information go to: <http://wasmoke.blogspot.com> or <http://airnow.gov>

Fire information call center for fires in Ferry, Stevens, and Pend Oreille Counties has been established to answer public questions and/or forward callers to the correct Incident Management Team or County Emergency Operations Center that they need to reach. The call center can be reached at: (509) 684-7260, -7261 or -7263. Phones will be staffed daily from 7 am to 9 pm.

Evacuation and road closure information:

Stevens County Emergency Operations Center at 509-684-7598 or online at: www.co.stevens.wa.us
 Ferry County Emergency Operations Center at 509-775-3132 or online at: www.ferry-county.com

Quick Facts	
Incident Summary	
Approximate Size:	
Marble Valley	3,087 ac.
Gold Hill	557 ac.
Graves Mtn.	5,003 ac.
Containment:	
Marble Valley	95%
Gold Hill	87%
Graves Mtn.	12%
Incident Commander:	Brett Fillis
Resources Assigned to both fires:	Hand Crews: 4 Engines: 19 Dozers: 8 Water Tenders: 7
Total Personnel:	274
Jurisdiction:	Washington DNR -Northeast District Colville National Forest