

# North Star Fire Information 509-634-2194



Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation



Nespelem Fire Department



Ferry-Okanogan Fire District 13



Okanogan Aeneas Valley Fire District 16



Washington Department of Natural Resources



Okanogan-Wenatchee & Colville National Forests



Bureau of Land Management Spokane District



Bureau of Indian Affairs Colville Agency

## Fire Update – August 30, 2015 9:00 a.m. (PT)

**Yesterday's Activities:** Winds increased over the North Star Fire, resulting in visible smoke plumes on the southwest portion of the fire and an increase in fire activity in several areas. In spite of strong gusty winds, fire personnel successfully accomplished the day's priorities of providing for firefighter and public safety, protecting homes and critical infrastructure

Structure protection groups were positioned in the Republic area. Firefighters put line around structures in the Anderson Creek area and worked to increase defensible space around power lines near Highway 21. Engines patrolled the burnout and direct dozer line in the Owhi Lake area and it has continued to hold.

Engine crews continued to provide structure protection in the Disautel area as firefighters focused on the spot fire east of the Tunk Block which had grown to 500 acres. Firefighters and dozers worked to put in line and decrease fuels near structures on both sides of Lyman Lake Road.

**Today's Operations:** Objectives include keeping the fire south of Republic, Highway 20 and Aeneas Valley, west of Highway 21 and north of Nespelem and the Kartar Valley. The focus will continue to be on providing for safety, structure protection and reinforcing existing line. Crews will be tying together dozer line to secure the area south of Republic. Colville tribal resources will be utilized to protect high priority areas on the southern portion of the fire.

PNW Team 3 is shadowing California Team 5 preparing to take command of the Tunk Block Fire on Monday at 6am.

At 1pm, fire personnel will observe three minutes of silence in memorial of the firefighters lost on the Twisp River Fire.

**Weather:** Rains started on the southern portion of the fire around 5am and are predicted across the fire area in the morning, clearing up in the afternoon. Temperatures are expected to be in the upper 60's and the relative humidity should be between 45 and 55 percent. The moisture level of fine fuels, like grasses, will increase with the rain, but the heavier fuels need several days of wetting rain to make an appreciable difference in their receptiveness to fire.

**Evacuations/Closure Information:** Evacuation and closure information is dynamic and changes more frequently than this report is updated. For the most current evacuation information, please contact your closest Emergency Operations Center (EOC): Colville Tribal Emergency Services 509-634-2105, Okanogan County EOC (509) 422-7206, Ferry County EOC 509-775-3132

National Forest Lands east of Tonasket and south of Highway 20 on the Tonasket Ranger District are closed. Colville Indian Reservation forest and recreational areas are closed.

Highway Closure information is available online: <http://www.wsdot.com/traffic/trafficalerts>

Quick Facts Incident Summary	
Size	205,331 acres
Fire Containment:	22%
Incident Commander:	Ed Lewis, PNW Team 3
Resources on the Fire:	Crews: 14 Helicopters: 6 Engines: 63 Dozers: 21 Water Tenders: 18
Total Personnel:	North Star Fire: 886
Jurisdiction:	Okanogan & Ferry Co. Fire Districts 13 & 16 Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation Bureau of Indian Affairs, Colville Agency Nespelem Fire Department Bureau of Land Management Washington State DNR Forest Service



### Additional Information

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