Tunk Block and North Star Fire Information 509-826-7140

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation	Colville Tribal EMS, Fire & Rescue	Okanogan & Ferry County Fire Districts 2,4,7,8,13 & 16	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Okanogan-Wenatchee & Colville National Forests	Bureau of Land Management Spokane District	Bureau of Indian Affairs Colville Agency	CIIMT 1, Jerry McGowan, Incident Commander

Fire Update – Tuesday September 22, 2015 8:00 am

Tunk Block Quick Facts	
Size	165,918 ac.
Containment:	**97%**
Suppression Repair Completed	**67%**
Resources on the Fire	Crews: 9 Engines: 25 Dozers: 6
Total Pers.	320

Tunk Block Fire: Suppression repair is progressing and is the primary focus of activities on the Tunk Block Fire. These activities seek to mitigate resource concerns caused by fireline construction and the use of roads to access the fire. As much as possible, fire and land managers want to restore the roads and areas where firelines were constructed to pre-fire conditions. This work is specifically designed to minimize sediment delivery into streams and rivers and minimize gully and surface erosion. Approximately 160 miles of suppression repair have been completed on the Tunk Block Fire.

North Star Fire: Like the Tunk Block Fire, crews are focusing their activities on suppression repair. The suppression repair is in full swing and good progress has been made over the last several days. Approximately 240 miles of suppression repair have been completed on the North Star Fire.

North Star Quick Facts	
Size	218,098 ac.
Containment:	**96%**
Suppression Repair Completed	**68%**
Resources on the Fire	Crews: 21 Helicopters: 3 Engines: 24 Dozers: 13
Total Pers.	804

Weather: The weather is predicted to remain cool and dry with light winds today and the next couple of days.

Closures: The Okanogan-Wenatchee and Colville National Forests have closures encompassing the entire fire areas and adjacent forested areas. Other areas outside of the burned areas remain open to recreation, hunting and woodcutting. Colville Indian Reservation forest and recreational areas within the fires are closed. See the maps at http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprd3854418.pdf and http://tinyurl.com/OkaWen-Closure-Map for more specific information.

Donation Information: The Long Term Recovery Group is accepting donations to benefit anyone affected by the Eastern Washington fires. They are located at 41 Apple Way in Okanogan (the formal Tribal Bingo Hall) **http://www.cfncw.org/fire/.** The Red Cross also accepts donations (1-800-Red-Cross).

Additional Information

Tunk Block on Inciweb

North Star Fire: http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4524/
Tunk Block Fire: http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4598/
Blog: https://northstarandtunkblockfires.wordpress.com
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