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Deep North Fire

UPDATE

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Fire Information: 360-480-2700

<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4977/>

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<u>FIRE STATUS</u>	<u>RESOURCES</u>
Acres Burned: 600 acres Cause: Under Investigation Structures Destroyed: None Closures: None Evacuations: 40-50 homes under Level 2 Containment: 0%	Crews: 3 Engines: 20 Dozers: 3 Water Tenders: 4 Helicopters: 3 none assigned Aircraft: 1 Total personnel: 300 Injuries: 0

Incident Summary: The **Deep North Fire** is currently burning approximately eight miles southeast of the town of Northport, Washington, on the hillsides above Deep Lake in Stevens County. The fire was reported to have started at approximately 2:30 pm on August 21, 2016. The fire is burning in heavy brush and Douglas fir tree stands. The fire has been challenging for fire resources due to steep terrain and limited accessibility to the fire lines.

Bodie Fire: This fire started on August 18, at approximately 4:00 pm near Bodie Mountain about six miles east of Deep Lake. It is burning on Hancock Timber Resource Group lands. The fire is estimated at 41 acres and has been fully lined. It is roughly 75% contained and crews continue to secure the line.

Planned Actions Today: Public and firefighter safety will continue to be the top priority. State Mobilization engines will help to secure and protect the homes near Deep Lake. Firefighters will build direct and indirect firelines around the south, east and southwest perimeters of the fire using dozers and hand lines. They will also strengthen and improve dozer line along the eastern edge of the fire and connect it to the local roads. Firefighters will scout the northwest section of the fire for opportunities to safely construct fireline in the rugged and steep terrain. Firefighters are taking advantage of the change in weather and wind conditions to aggressively attack the fire. Air support is shared with other fires in the surrounding area; three DNR helicopters, three air tankers and four small fixed wings out of Canada are available if needed.

Weather Outlook: Temperatures will be cooler today; temperatures will be 75-78 degrees with relative humidity (RH) at 28-32%. There is a slight chance of evening rain showers near the Canadian border. Winds will be out of the NW at 5-8 mph with gusts up to 15 mph from the north on ridge tops. Above normal temps and below numbers precipitation are predicted for the extended forecast.

Closures: None

Evacuations: 40-50 homes around Deep Lake at a level 2.

Resources at Risk: Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) timberlands, local livestock and homes near Deep Lake.

Cooperating Agencies: Stevens County Fire District 10 and 11, Washington DNR