



## Northwest Incident Management Team 11

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**Tuesday, August 23, 2016, 9:00 am**

Governor Jay Inslee will arrive in Spokane to meet with fire officials this morning to assess the fire situation.

### **Yale Fire**

Last night, the fire did not significantly spread beyond the area of its initial growth on Sunday.

Today on the Yale Fire, firefighters continue to be challenged by active fire burning in timbered draws. Locations where the draws meet agriculture lands present challenges to the fire suppression efforts. Wildland fire suppression tactics are also more complex in the urban interface where wildland meets urban development. Hand crews, engine crews, and dozers continue to construct fire line along the perimeter of the fire. Firefighters also are challenged by hazards such as dead trees, steep draws, and falling rock. Unburnt areas within the fire area also have potential to burn. Additional firefighting resources continue to arrive.

Evacuations of varying levels remain in effect. Please contact or view the Spokane County Emergency Management web site for up-to-date evacuation information.

### **Wellesley Fire**

The majority of the fire is lined. Today, fire line at the northern perimeter of the fire is being reinforced by firefighters. Spot fires located northeast and southwest of the main fire have been contained and are being mopped up. The fire is expected to remain within its existing footprint.

Today, weather conditions are predicted to favor fire suppression efforts. Temperatures are expected to climb only to the mid-70s with light winds and higher relative humidity.

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