

Lost Monument Fire Information



Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
Methow Valley Ranger District

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The Lost Monument Fire, discovered on August 14th, is near the confluence of Monument Creek and Lost River, approximately 19 miles northwest of Winthrop. The cause of the fire was lightning.

The fire is still estimated to be about 50 acres. It is burning in a steep, rocky, incised gorge within the Pasayten Wilderness. Most of the fire has been confined to the Monument Creek drainage.

The fire has shown no real growth for several days, even during the hot weather over the weekend.

There are no personnel taking direct action on the fire at this time due to the lack of safe access to the fire and other firefighter safety concerns. The fire has been managed under a confinement strategy by two smokejumpers, who have been monitoring the fire from a nearby high point. The fire will continue to be monitored by local personnel.

The Incident Commander has been Ryan McCliment, from the North Cascades Smoke Jumper Base.

This will be the last information update, unless the situation changes.

Closures: The Monument Creek Trail # 484 is closed from Eureka Creek north to the intersection with Shellrock Trail #484A west of Butte Pass. Closure signs will be placed at pertinent trailheads and trail junctions.

For more information contact 509-996-4003.

Quick Facts Incident Summary	
Location:	Lost River and Monument Creek, North of Winthrop, Washington
Approximate Size:	50 acres
Cause:	Lightning
Incident Commander:	Ryan McCliment
Total Personnel:	2
Jurisdiction:	USDA-Forest Service

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<http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3133/>