

Wenatchee Complex Fire Information

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WENATCHEE COMPLEX FIRE EVACUATIONS UPDATE

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CANYONS FIRE

Firefighters continue to make progress reducing the risk of wildfire near homes in the Wenatchee area that have been threatened by the Canyons Fire. Due to the strength of the firelines along the eastern edge of the fire near Wenatchee and continued efforts to “mop up” hot spots near homes, Evacuation Levels are being reduced in the Number One Canyon and Number Two Canyon areas to allow residents back in their homes. Much work is needed in order to completely contain the Canyons Fire, however, due to the size of the fire and continued fire activity within its perimeter.

Evacuation Levels for residents of Number One Canyon Road, Austin Avenue, Chiefs Road and Ridgeview Place are now reduced from Level 2 to Level 1. Fairview Canyon Road is also reduced from an Evacuation Level 2 to Level 1.

Evacuation Levels for Number Two Canyon Road above the Gun Club and Stiss Canyon Road will be reduced from Level 3 to Level 2.

Evacuation Levels 1, 2, and 3 are akin to a “Ready, Set, Go” level of preparedness with Level 1 asking residents to be ready to evacuate if conditions change, Level 2 meaning residents should be set to go at a moment’s notice, and Level 3 meaning authorities are advising residents to evacuate because their homes are in imminent danger.

Up-to-date information on evacuations can be heard on local media in Wenatchee or by checking www.inciweb.org/incident/3258.

PUBLIC INFORMATION NUMBERS:

Inquiries regarding fire information and evacuation levels should be directed to the Wenatchee Complex Fire Information Section at 509-662-4438 or 509-662-4694. The phones are staffed daily from 6:00 am until 10:00 pm.

For information on fire activity in Kittitas County, please contact the Joint Information Center (JIC) at 509-664-9353.