

Wenatchee Complex Fire Information

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Fire Update – September 19, 2012, 9:00 a.m. PT

Our condolences go out to the family of Chris Seelye, the timber faller from Darby Montana, who was working in the Entiat area Monday September 17th when he became ill. He was treated by incident medical personnel and transported to a nearby hospital. He passed away Monday evening. Firefighters Tuesday morning took a moment of silence to remember their fallen comrade.

Last night on the **Poison Fire** the “swing shift crew” helped to burnout the northwest corner of the fire. All went well and firing operations concluded at 10:00 pm. Conditions the last few days have been favorable between the hours of 4:00 pm and 10:00 pm to conduct burning operations on the complex.

On Tuesday evening on the **Peavine Fire**, firefighters conducted burnout operations on the eastern flank along Forest Road 9712. They tied into the broken rock barriers near Mission Peak. Crews are mopping up where the burning operations occurred along Forest Road 9712.

On the **Klone Fire**, grapple skidders, feller bunchers and masticators should arrive today to start brushing the Tommy Creek Road and Shady Pass Road which will allow firefighters to use the roads as a fire break as the fire slowly burns to the southeast. The sprinkler system installed around the recreation cabins continues to provide protection should the fire move in that direction. Additional resources have been moved from other fires to assist in the suppression effort on this fire.

The **Maverick Fire** which had been in a patrol status, came back to life Tuesday afternoon, a hot shot crew was dispatched to evaluate and take appropriate action.

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

The **Canyon Fire**, directly west of Wenatchee, is 70% contained. Evacuation levels have been modified; Number 1 Canyon is at a level 1 and Number 2 Canyon from above the gun club to the end of the road and Sties Canyon are at a level 2. Today, crews will continue to mop up into the perimeter of the fire. Engines continue to patrol through the night, watching for any unexpected fire activity. The Canyon Fire is approximately 7,575 acres.

The **Byrd Canyon Fire**, located just north of Entiat, is also in patrol status. It is 80% contained and approximately 13,981 acres in size. Crews continue to patrol and mop up. Resources are being transitioned to

Quick Facts Incident Summary	
Location:	North and west of the City of Wenatchee Washington.
Fire :	22%
Start Date:	09/09/2012
Acres	35,493
Cause:	Lightning
Incident Commander:	Jeff Pendleton
Resources on the Fire:	53-Crews 142-engines 12-helicopters 16-dozers
Total Personnel:	1,923
Jurisdiction:	USFS, WA DNR, BLM,

other fires in the area as they complete their assignments.

The **Peavine Canyon Fire**, located southwest of Wenatchee in upper Mission Creek/Devils Gulch, is burning in shrub and pine forest. It is 6,233 acres in size. Line construction and burning operations have been conducted on this fire. This fire is 10% contained.

The **Poison Canyon Fire**, located south of Cashmere, is burning in shrub and pine. It is approximately 3,689 acres. Hand lines were improved and reinforced yesterday on the north edge of the fire. Along other perimeters crews continue to utilize roads and ridgelines for indirect fire line. Structures protection is in place for the Tripp and Mission Creek areas. A dozer line has been constructed between the fire and properties in Camas Meadows on the west side of the fire. This fire is 10% contained.

The **First Creek Fire**, located 10 miles west of Lake Chelan, is approximately 1,242 acres. It is burning in very difficult and steep terrain. Helicopters are supporting firefighters on the ground and reinforcing the hand line on the western perimeter with bucket drops. Crews working from the top on the eastern perimeter bumped down the slope picking up hot spots. Scouting and construction of contingency lines have been completed. A Level 3 evacuation remains in place for First Creek and Granite Falls Creek. This fire is 30% contained.

The **Pyramid (413 acres)** and **Klone Fire**, (656 acres) north of Entiat are burning in timber that was severely impacted by disease and insects. Crews on the Klone fire will continue to work with local resource advisors to minimize impact to sensitive and/or threatened resources in the area. Fire line improvements along Entiat Road, County Road 19 will continue.

The **Basalt Fire**, approximately 10 miles north of Lake Wenatchee in the Chiwawa drainage is approximately 112 acres in size: The management team is in the process of developing a strategy to manage this fire.

The **Sears Creek Fire**, located in the White River drainage above Lake Wenatchee, is approximately 30 acres in size. The management team is in the process of developing a strategy to manage this fire.

The **Cashmere Mountain Fire**, approximately 184 acres, is within the perimeters of the 1994 Rat and Hatchery fires. It does not pose a danger to structures at the present time. A group of rappellers and smoke jumpers hiked in to this fire and are working to put in control lines where possible

The Incident Management Team continues to have initial attack responsibility for all wildland fires within Chelan County. Resources will be mobilized when there is a new start.

The area is extremely dry and conditions are right for rapid fire growth on existing fires and new fire starts. All outdoor burning is restricted and campfires are allowed in designated campgrounds and in the Wilderness on National Forest Lands in Chelan County.

The Incident Management Team would like to express appreciation to the community for your support and help in our efforts to suppress these fires. It is vital that the community cooperate with evacuations, road closures, and avoiding areas of high traffic for fire suppression.

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