

Wenatchee Complex Fire Information

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WENATCHEE COMPLEX FIRE EVACUATIONS UPDATE

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POISON CANYON FIRE

The edges of this fire have been sufficiently secured to reduce the Evacuation Levels for Mission Creek and Tripp Canyon to a Level 2 effective at 6:00 am today. A road barricade will be in place at the mouth of Tripp Canyon limiting access to local residents and fire traffic.

The Level 2 evacuation notice for homes on Sky Meadows Road, Brisky Canyon Road including Foltz Lane and Corrigan Road, and the Camas Meadows area remains in effect.

PEAVINE CANYON FIRE

An additional Level 2 evacuation notice was issued for the area on the west side of Squilchuck Road between the Halverson Canyon and Wenatchee Heights junctions at 10:00 am today. A Level 3 notice remains in effect for the Squilchuck and Mission Ridge roads south of the Wenatchee Heights Road. The development of a very tall smoke column over the Table Mountain Fire lofted charred tree bark and limbs into the closure area. The potential for this material to ignite new spot fires triggered the elevated evacuation levels.

HIGHWAY 97

Highway 97 is currently open after a brief closure yesterday evening. There is still active fire east of the highway and future closures are a possibility. Travelers are advised to monitor the Washington Department of Transportation website for current information (www.wsdot.wa.gov).

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 Okanogan, Kittitas and Yakima Counties, please contact the Joint Information Center (JIC) at 509-664-9353.