

Wenatchee Complex Fire Information

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Fire Update – September 24, 2012, 9:00 a.m. PT

At 6:00 PM Sunday the Chelan County Sheriff's Office reduced evacuation levels for the following areas:

- Level 1: Mission Creek Road, Tripp Canyon, and Sand Creek Road.
- Level 2: Squilchuck and Mission Ridge Roads from the Wenatchee Heights Road south, including Halverson Canyon and Hampton Roads, to the Mission Ridge Ski Area.

Current evacuation levels under the jurisdiction of the Chelan County Sheriff can be found at: www.inciweb.org/incident/announcements/3258 and are broadcast by local radio stations.

The Chelan County Sheriff has restricted access to roads in the Colockum Ridge area to local traffic only. These roads include the Stemilt Loop Road from Upper Wheeler Road to just north of and including Jump-Off Ridge Road and Colockum Road at Tarpiscan Road. The Washington State Department of Natural Resources closed state lands accessed by these roads earlier in the week for public safety in the event of eastern spread of the Table Mountain and Peavine fires. A multi-agency law enforcement task force will sweep the closure area early this week to contact citizens who may have entered the area prior to the closure.

Quick Facts Incident Summary	
Location:	North and west of the City of Wenatchee, Washington
Fire Complex Containment	30%
Start Date:	09/09/2012
Acres	52,637
Cause:	Lightning
Incident Commander:	Jeff Pendleton
Resources on the Fire:	41-Crews 117-engines 11-helicopters 10-dozers
Total Personnel:	1,690
Jurisdiction:	USFS, WA DNR, BLM, Chelan County Fire Dist. 1, 3,4,6,8

Crews continue to make good progress on fires and State Mobilization resources have been released as the threat to structures has significantly decreased. A cold front will be moving into the area late today bringing increased winds. The changes in weather and progress made on fires may lighten smoke conditions in the area.

The **Peavine Fire** has become the top priority fire with in the complex due to the movement of the Table Mountain fire. On Sunday, weather conditions allowed for crews to use a helicopter to conduct burn-out operations designed to bring fire slowly down from Tronsen ridge to Highway 97. Fire operations may cause intermittent closures or restrictions on Highway 97 and travelers should check with Washington Department of Transportation for current conditions www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/passes/blewett/default.aspx.

The **Klone Fire** is 1,323 acres. It continues to burn in heavy timber that has been affected by insects and disease. Structure protection remains in place and crews are continuing to chip the brush and slash that has been removed from Shady Pass and Tommy Creek Roads. This will provide a fuel break on the north and south flanks of the fire and serve as a fire break should future fires occur in the area. A dozer line has been completed on the east flank of the fire. Aerial resources will be used again today to check fire spread.

The **Maverick Fire** is approximately 30 acres and 100% contained. The fire will continue to be patrolled from the air.

The **Canyon Fire**, directly west of Wenatchee, is 7,559 acres and 95% contained. The **Byrd Fire**, located just

north of Entiat, is 14,160 acres and 90% contained. These fires continue to be patrolled and crews have begun rehabilitation.

The **Peavine Canyon Fire** is located southwest of Wenatchee in upper Mission Creek/Devils Gulch. It is now 18,626 acres in size and 30% contained. The increase in acreage is because small fires in the area of the fire are now included in the total acreage. Managers from both Complexes have developed a plan to check the spread of the Table Mountain fire along the eastern flank and are conducting burn out operations along Highway 97 on the western flank. Fire activity may result in lane restrictions and closures on Highway 97. Travelers should check with the Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for current information on highway restrictions or closures.

The **Poison Canyon Fire**, located south of Cashmere is 5,909 acres and 70% contained. Crews are continuing to mop up fire lines and will begin rehab within the next shift. The fire is now approximately 5,991 acres and is 60% contained.

The **First Creek Fire**, located 10 miles west of Lake Chelan in Chelan County, is approximately 1,258 acres and 90% contained. The fire will continue to be patrolled and excess resources have been moved to other areas.

The **Pyramid Fire** north of Entiat is now 1,068 acres in size. The fire continues to move slowly downslope and is being monitored from the air.

The **Basalt Fire**, approximately 10 miles north of Lake Wenatchee in the Chiwawa drainage, is approximately 690 acres in size, and is being monitored from the air.

The **Sears Creek Fire** is 184 acres and is located in the White River drainage above Lake Wenatchee. Crews have completed fireline and structure protection work on the west side of White River.

The **Cashmere Mountain Fire**, approximately 1,418 acres, is within the perimeters of the 1994 Rat and Hatchery fires. A spot fire was detected Saturday across Eight mile creek trail. Crews continue to hold the fire at the 8 Mile Road (7601) with support from aerial resources. It does not pose a danger to structures at this time.

The area is extremely dry and conditions are right for rapid fire growth on existing fires and new fire starts. There is an eastern Washington burn ban prohibiting all outdoor burning, including but not limited to campfires, bonfires, residential yard burning, agricultural burning and fireworks.

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. Please slow down and turn your headlights on when traveling through fire areas as very smoky conditions reduce visibility.

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