

Wenatchee Complex Fire Information

509-662-4438 or 509-662-4694



Thursday, September 27, 2012

INCIDENT QUICK FACTS

Location: North, west and southwest of Wenatchee, Wash.

Total acres: 53,144

Containment: 30 percent

Start Date: 09/09/2012

Cause: Lightning

Resources: 22 Crews 40 Engines 11 Helicopters 5 Dozers 1,075 Personnel

Today's Summary:

Burnout operations on the west flank of the Table Mountain and Peavine Fires will continue along U.S. Highway 97. The burnout is being carried out slowly and carefully in an effort to minimize resource damage. A Washington Department of Transportation pilot car will continue escorting traffic through the affected area near Blewett Pass. Smoke from the burnout has limited visibility. Some spotting did occur yesterday across U.S. Highway 97, but firefighters assisted by helicopters were able to keep the fires from spreading. The public is asked to avoid using the highway as the burnout operation continues today.

Helicopters detected a new start yesterday: the **Upper White Pine Fire**, north of the White Pine and Cuitin Lake Fires. Bucket drops kept the fire at .20 acres.

Weather today will remain unchanged, with the inversion continuing to hold smoke in the valleys. Better visibility at higher elevations should allow helicopters to monitor fires in those locations and to provide water drops.

Fire behavior observed yesterday included spotting and single-tree torching at higher elevations, and backing fires with some upslope runs.

A "Clean-Air Shelter" has been opened by the Chelan-Douglas Health District at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Waterville. People at high risk for complications from heavy smoke exposure who cannot leave the area can call 509-886-6476 for more information about the shelter and free transportation.

Fire Name	Acres	Percent Contained	Summary
Canyon	7,557	95	Rehabilitation continues.
Byrd	14,160	90	Rehabilitation continues.
Poison Canyon	5,909	70	Mop up continues, hot spots in the interior.
Peavine Canyon	18,880	40	The fire has merged with the Table Mountain Fire. Firefighters used helicopters to continue burnout operations on the west flank of U.S. Highway 97.
First Creek	1,360	90	Patrolled, rehabilitation to begin soon.
Pyramid	1,068	0	Under aerial monitoring.
Klone	1,335	0	Aerial resources dropping water to keep the fire in check, chipping of brush continues along Shady Pass and Tommy Creek roads.
Cashmere Mountain	1,451	5	Crews continue to hold the fire at the 8-mile Road with support from aerial resources. No danger to structures.
Basalt	793	0	Under aerial monitoring.
Sears Creek	368	40	Constructing dozer line on the north flank and hand line on the south flank.
Maverick	22	100	Under aerial monitoring.

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