

Wenatchee Complex Fire Information

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Friday, September 28, 2012

INCIDENT QUICK FACTS

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

Total acres: 54,428

Containment: 36 percent

Start Date: 09/09/2012

Cause: Lightning

Resources: 19 Crews 38 Engines 10 Helicopters 4 Dozers 976 Personnel

Today's Summary:

While rehabilitation continues on many fires in the Wenatchee Complex, firefighters will remain vigilant today, as a change in the weather pattern brings a risk of increased fire activity.

A cold front is expected to move through the area from the west, bringing warmer and drier conditions, with stronger winds developing by late afternoon, when fires are naturally most active. On ridgetops, winds will reach 6 to 10 mph, with gusts to 20 mph. The winds could also temporarily lift the smoke, allowing additional drying of fine fuels. The large fuels are still exceptionally dry.

Because of heavy smoke, Blewett Pass on U.S. Highway 97 is closed from Milepost 177, eight miles south of the intersection of U.S. Highway 2, to Milepost 150, at the junction of State Route 970. The highway is expected to re-open later this morning, with a pilot car to guide traffic through the affected area throughout the day. Please visit www.wsdot.com/traffic/trafficalerts for the latest information.

Until the area receives significant rain or snow, residents and visitors can expect to continue to see smoke from fires in the complex, as interior islands of fuel continue to burn.

As each fire reaches containment, local resource advisors are examining areas for the possibility of erosion, and are working with firefighters to put emergency stabilization measures into effect.

Fire Name	Acres	Percent Contained	Summary
Canyon	7,559	96	Rehabilitation almost complete.
Byrd	14,163	95	Rehabilitation continues.
Poison Canyon	5,911	75	Mop up continues.
Peavine Canyon	18,953	42	The fire has merged with the Table Mountain Fire. Firefighters are patrolling for spot fires.
First Creek	1,361	90	Rehabilitation continues.
Pyramid	1,317	0	Under aerial monitoring.
Klone	1,364	10	Chipping of brush continues along Shady Pass and Tommy Creek Roads.
Cashmere Mountain	2,087	10	Crews continue to hold the fire at the 8-mile Road with support from aerial resources. No danger to structures.
Basalt	931	0	Under aerial monitoring.
Sears Creek	477	40	Firefighters are installing sprinkler systems around vulnerable homes.
Maverick	21	100	Under aerial monitoring.

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