

Wenatchee Complex Fire Information

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Saturday, September 29, 2012

INCIDENT QUICK FACTS

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

Total acres: 55,085

Containment: 40 percent

Start Date: 09/09/2012

Cause: Lightning

Resources: 19 Crews 38 Engines 10 Helicopters 2 Dozers 1,005 Personnel

Today's Summary:

As firefighters on the Wenatchee Complex press ahead with rehabilitation efforts, they anticipate that today's clear skies, stronger winds and lower humidity will produce more fire activity than has been observed in several days.

Ridgetop gusts as high as 20 mph were reported early this morning. With large fuels already exceptionally dry, winds will speed the drying of fine fuels, increasing the risk of fire spread.

Yesterday's smoky conditions prevented aerial patrol of the Basalt, Pyramid, Maverick, Cuitin Lake, White Pine and Upper White Pine Fires, but on-the-ground checks of most showed no significant growth.

An infra-red flight last night reported an increase of 657 acres to bring the total acreage for the complex to 55,085.

Beginning at 9 a.m. this morning, a pilot car will guide one-lane traffic through Blewett Pass on U.S. Highway 97 from Milepost 163 to Milepost 166. Motorists can expect to see crews working in the area, searching out hotspots along the highway from a burnout operation earlier in the week. Please visit www.wsdot.com/traffic/trafficalerts for the latest information on U.S. 97.

As each fire in the complex 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.

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

Fire Name	Acres	Percent Contained	Summary
Canyon	7,559	96	Rehabilitation completed. Will be patrolled today.
Byrd	14,163	95	Rehabilitation continues.
Poison Canyon	5,911	75	Mop up continues. Backhauled surplus supplies and equipment by helicopter.
Peavine Canyon	18,953	42	The fire continues to produce smoke from a burnout operation and from interior islands of unburned fuel.
First Creek	1,361	90	Rehabilitation continues.
Pyramid	1,317	0	Under aerial monitoring.
Klone	1,364	10	Chipping of brush will continue along Shady Pass and Tommy Creek Roads for approximately a week. Pockets of unburned fuel continue to burn up to the dozer containment line.
Cashmere Mountain	2,087	10	Crews continue to patrol, mop up and hold the fire at the 8-mile Road.
Basalt	931	0	Under aerial monitoring.
Sears Creek	477	40	Crews finished installing sprinkler kits around vulnerable homes. Will continue to monitor.
Maverick	21	100	Under aerial monitoring.

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