

Wenatchee Complex Fire Information

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Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2012

INCIDENT QUICK FACTS:

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

Total acres: 55,234

Containment: 55 percent

Start Date: 09/09/2012

Cause: Lightning

Resources: 9 Crews 25 Engines 4 Helicopters 4 Dozers 610 Personnel

TODAY'S SUMMARY:

Crews will evaluate fire growth from yesterday's high winds, while continuing mop up, rehabilitation and patrol of fires in the Wenatchee Complex. A wind shift to the northeast and then to the east will align new canyons and expose new fuels to fire, which could increase active fire behavior and produce smoke.

Temperatures today will be much cooler than the past several days, with humidity remaining low. No precipitation is expected over the fire area for at least the next two weeks.

Infra-red data was unavailable last night, but air patrol yesterday of Pyramid, Klone, Basalt and Sears Creek showed some growth in all these high-elevation backcountry fires. Some perimeter growth is anticipated on all uncontained fires in the complex.

A small section of burnout on the eastern flank of the Peavine Fire is expected to be completed today. Crews will also continue mopping up the fire's western flank along U.S. Highway 97.

Demobilization of resources continues, as Joe Reinartz's Type 1 Southwest Incident Management Team prepares for a transition to a Type 3 team on Oct. 5. The Type 3 Incident Commander met with the team yesterday.

Area closures remain in effect for most of the fires in the complex. Please call local U.S. Forest Service Ranger Districts for more details.

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	Current Status
Canyon	7,557	100	Patrol by air.
Byrd	14,119	100	Patrol by air. Rehabilitation in progress.
Poison Canyon	5,909	100	Patrol by ground. Rehabilitation in progress. Chipping of brush completed.
Peavine Canyon	19,327	60	Mop up and hold on west side. Patrol on north. Continue carrying out firing operations along the 9712 Road, when conditions permit, and contain any spot fires.
First Creek	1,402	100	Patrol by air. Rehabilitation in progress.
Pyramid	1,463	0	Patrol by air.
Klone	1,389	15	Patrol by air. Increased fire activity yesterday.
Cashmere Mountain	2,163	20	Continue to hold 8-Mile Road. Continue chipping brush. Carry out small burnout to secure southern flank.
Basalt Peak	1,009	0	Patrol by air. Fire is backing on south flank.
Sears Creek	477	40	Patrol by ground. Continue structure protection. Fire is backing down toward the dozer line on the north flank.
Maverick Peak	21	100	Patrol by air. Possible line rehabilitation.
Ingalls Creek	3	100	No fire activity. May need rehabilitation.
Mule	0.3	0	Air attack monitored. No significant change.

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