

Okanogan Complex Fire Information

October 1, 2012

There is a fire weather watch for wind and low relative humidity in effect from tonight through Tuesday evening. In preparation, firefighters are strengthening containment lines on the Buckhorn and Leecher Fires by mopping-up hotspots near the fire perimeter.

Unburned vegetation islands within the Buckhorn Fire perimeter continue to burn. The September 29th infrared data showed the most heat on the Buckhorn Fire's northwest flank, with some areas of scattered heat throughout the fire perimeter.

The infrared for Leecher Fire showed only a couple of isolated heat sources. Fire activity is limited to smoldering and creeping in unburned pockets within the fire perimeter.

There was no heat showing around the Hunter Fire area.

In addition to mopping up hotspots, firefighters are working to repair disturbance caused by fire suppression activities. They are retrieving hose-lays and equipment from the fireline.

Firefighters will continue to monitor and patrol these fires until they are out.

Evacuations:

As of Sunday Morning, September 30, there are no evacuation orders in effect for fires within the Okanogan Complex.

Closures:

Road closures remain in place on the Middle Fork Gold Creek Road (FS4340-100) and on Forest Service road 4330-100.

Fire danger remains high. **Campfires are prohibited** except in designated campgrounds or in the Pasayten and Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness.

Fire Facts:

Leecher Fire: 1,320 acres - 95% contained

Hunter Fire: 211 acres - 95% contained no fire activity was observed Friday on the Hunter Fire.

Buckhorn Fire: 4,638 acres - 90% contained

Additional Fire Information:

Phone: 509-996-4000

Website: www.inciweb.org/incident/3261

Air Quality: <http://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/enviwa/default.ltr.aspx>

Fire Photos & Maps: <http://okanogancomplex.wordpress.com>