



# Table Mountain Fire

Thursday October 4, 2012 9:00 PDT  
Hours of Operation: 7:00 AM – 9:00 PM  
1-206-947-9705 or 1-206-947-9737

[www.inciweb.org/incident/3269/#](http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3269/#)    [www.fs.usda.gov/okawen](http://www.fs.usda.gov/okawen)

[www.co.kittitas.wa.us](http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us)    [www.pnw2.com](http://www.pnw2.com)

Fire	Acres	% Contained	Total Personnel
Table Mountain	42,312	90	989

## UPDATED NEWS AND RESTRICTIONS

- On Wednesday a community meeting was held in the town of Liberty. Fire officials talked to community members about the status of the fire, rehabilitation plan and upcoming transition to a local Type 3 Incident Management Team. Evacuations in the community were reduced to a Level 2 which restricts access to local traffic and residents only.
- All Level 2 & 3 notifications have been removed for the southern foothills area (north of Ellensburg), including Elk Springs Rd., Upper Green Canyon Rd, Wilson Creek Rd., Reecer Creek Rd, and Robbins Rd. There are no evacuations in this area; however, road closures will remain in effect at the southern boundary line of the forest lands.
- Level 1 & 2 notifications have been removed for US 97 corridor from the Lauderdale Junction to Mineral Springs, including the Liberty Café area on both sides of the highway.
- Hunting Season is open. The Washington Department of Natural Resources reopened all state lands to the east of Coleman Canyon Road to the intersection of Naneum Ridge Road, including the areas of Coleman, Rue, Cooke, Four Corners, Jumpoff, Pole Flats and Stemilt Basin.
- Evacuation and Closure changes: <http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us>.
  - Residents are encouraged to check out the interactive map on the Kittitas County website under the Table Mountain Fire response.
- Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest closures: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/okawen>.
  - The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest east of US 97 to the Naneum State Forest will remain closed.
- Road closure and travel information: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/> or call 511.
- Air Quality conditions: <http://wasmoke.blogspot.com> or <http://www.ecy.wa.gov>

## FIRE OPERATIONS SUMMARY

- Containment is expected on Oct 5<sup>th</sup>. The Type 1 team (Morcom) will be transitioning with a local Type 3 team (Starkovich) on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 2012. The team will assume command 0630 Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 2012.
- No significant growth on the fire is expected. Observed fire behavior is smoldering and creeping, as some internal islands and heavier fuel concentrations continue to burn. Fire may have occasional single tree torching and interior flare ups.
  - Fire acreage may increase as fire areas are completely mapped.
- Rehabilitation continues on areas damaged by fire suppression activities. Water bars will be installed to prevent erosion where fireline has been created on steep slopes and dozer lines reseeded.

- Initial attack crews continue to be staged and are ready to respond to any new fire starts in the area.

### **FIRE FACTS:**

**Table Mountain Fire: Started:** September 8, 2012 **Cause:** lightning **Location:** Cle Elum, WA/Kittitas County  
**Resources:** 22 crews, 4 helicopters, 70 engines, 5 dozers, 24 water tenders.

**RESOURCE CONCERNS:** Multiple historic cabins, archaeological sites, mines, threatened and endangered species, old growth reserves.

**WEATHER:** Northerly flow down the east side of the ridge will continue to supply Eastern Washington with cool dry air and east to northeast general winds over the fire area. The chilly nights at or just below freezing temps while the sunny day warms afternoon temps into the 50s at the elevation of the fire.

**TODAY'S EXPECTED FIRE BEHAVIOR:** Interior fuels will continue to burn as relative humidity continues to be low. Mop up should progress well as temperatures remain cool.

**COOPERATING AGENCIES & PARTNERS:** Washington Department of Natural Resources, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Washington State Fire Marshall, Kittitas County Fire Districts #1, #2, #7, Kittitas County Sheriff, Yakima County Sheriff, National Guard Resources, British Columbia Wildfire and the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest.

**Red Cross Shelter:** The shelter at Mercer Creek Church remains open. The church is located at 407 North "B" Street in Ellensburg. The shelter can provide meals, toiletries, showers, or other services.

**Animal Shelter:** Evacuated livestock and temporary housing for small pets is available. Shelter staff are taking calls from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday at 509-962-7639. If a need arises outside of normal business hours, please call the Emergency Operations Center at 509-933-8305.

### **TABLE MOUNTAIN FIRE SOCIAL MEDIA SITES:**

Inciweb: <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3269/>

Flickr: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/TableMountainWAFire/>

E-mail: [TableMtComplex@gmail.com](mailto:TableMtComplex@gmail.com)

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/TableMountainWAFire>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/TableMtnWAFire>

Word Press: <http://tablemountainwafire.wordpress.com/>

For satellite imagery that shows smoke from fires in the area go to the following link:

<http://sat.wrh.noaa.gov/satellite/loopsat.php?wfo=otx&area=west&type=vis&size=1>

### **Twitter Updates**

(No Twitter account is necessary).

Text 40404 "Follow TableMtnWAFire" (without the quotation marks).

You'll receive a reply from 40404 confirming your request and instructions on how to stop messages.

Standard message rates may apply.

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