



# Table Mountain Fire

## Fire Information Update

[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)

**Contact: Public Information Office 1-206-947-9705**

**Hours of Operation: 7:00 AM – 9:00 PM**

### Friday, October 5, 2012 – 9:00 AM PDT Fire Status Update

Fire	Acres	% Contained	Total Personnel
Table Mountain	42,312	95	803

#### NEWS AND EVENTS:

- A type 3 Incident Management Organization lead by Incident Commander Mike Starkovich will take command of the fire on Saturday morning. **Table Mountain Fire information updates will be provided intermittently on an as needed basis.**
- Please call **206-947-9705** for current information and media inquiries. The previous information phone number 206-977-9737 will no longer be used
- No significant growth on the fire is expected and many crews and resources have been released. However, approximately 160 firefighters (4 crews, 10 engines, 4 water tenders and 2 dozers) will remain working on the fire until further notice. They will continue mop up operations/patrol and rehabilitation of areas effected by fire suppression.
- Although smoke from the Table Mountain Fire continues to diminish, current weather conditions are keeping smoke from other fires in the area. For more information regarding Air Quality, refer to the following websites: <http://wasmoke.blogspot.com> - <http://www.ecy.wa.gov>
- Ongoing forest closures will continue to effect hunters. Some information is available below, but hunters, residents and visitors are encouraged to check out the interactive map on the Kittitas County website, <http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us>

#### FIRE OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

- Crews will continue to strengthen control lines, patrol, and mop up hot spots near the perimeter.
- Rehabilitation will carry on in areas damaged by fire suppression activities. Exterior contingency lines will be assessed for rehabilitation and additional construction equipment has been ordered.
- The emphasis will be on safety as crews from the type 1 team transition with the type 3 team. Roads could have more traffic due to backhauling of fire equipment and residents returning to their homes.
- Initial attack crews continue to be staged and are ready to respond to any new fire starts in the area.

#### CLOSURES AND RESTRICTIONS:

- For both sides of the Cascades, DNR has extended the statewide burn ban on all DNR-protected lands; the ban is in effect through October 15, 2012, and includes all forestlands in Washington, except for federal lands.
- On Wednesday, level 1 & 2 notifications were removed for the US 97 corridor from the Lauderdale Junction to Mineral Springs, including the Liberty Café area on both sides of the highway.
- The town of Liberty remains under a Level 2 evacuation notification, which restricts access to local traffic and residents only. This includes the town of Liberty, Liberty Road, Pine Gulch Road, Red Top Road, Williams Creek Road, Harkness Road, Cougar Gulch Road, Boulder Creek Road and the Liberty Mountain Association.

## **CLOSURES AND RESTRICTIONS (continued):**

- 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.
- 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 (not near Bee Hive Mountain), Jumpoff, Pole Flats and Stemilt Basin.
- The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest east of US 97 to the Naneum State Forest will remain closed. For more information, please visit <http://www.fs.usda.gov/okawen>
- Some local road closures remain in effect. For road closure information please visit <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/> or call 511.

## **WEATHER OUTLOOK:**

Continued cold and dry air from Canada with increasing winds. The inversion will not likely lift until early afternoon.

## **FIRE FACTS:**

**Table Mountain Fire: Started:** September 8, 2012 **Cause:** lightning **Location:** Cle Elum, WA/Kittitas County  
**Resources:** 17 crews, 4 helicopters, 48 engines, 5 dozers, 18 water tenders.

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

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

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

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

Please note the following social media sites will **not** be updated after Friday, Oct 6, 2012:

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

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>

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