



U.S. FOREST SERVICE FIRE UPDATE

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

215 Melody Lane
Wenatchee, WA 98801

For immediate release: Wednesday, July 13, 2013 12:15 pm

Contacts: Shannon O'Brien, Public Information, (509)-429-9873

Additional Crews to Help with Sun Mountain Fire

Winthrop, WA—Two hotshot firefighter crews will be flown into the Sun Mountain Fire this afternoon. The firefighters already in place are working to secure the left flank where it is more thickly timbered with a lot of dead and down trees. Two helicopters are also working on the fire.

The fire is still estimated at about 35 acres. It is burning in the steep terrain of the Lake Chelan Sawtooth Wilderness; in the south fork of War Creek drainage, southwest of Winthrop, Washington.

Management of the fire has transitioned to a Type 3 incident management team, led by Incident Commander Inaki Baraibar.

An area closure is in place to provide for public and firefighter safety. It begins at the confluence of War Creek and the South Fork War Creek and extends southwest following Black Ridge to Sun Mt, then following Chelan Crest from Sun Mt. to Battle Mt. continuing northeast along Snowshoe Ridge to the wilderness boundary, then north along the wilderness boundary back to the beginning.

Though the name may cause some confusion, Sun Mountain Lodge is not threatened by the fire, and is in fact separated from the fire by several miles of forest, rivers and ridgetops.

Sun Mountain Fire information is available online at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3507> and updates are posted at www.twitter.com/OkaWenNF.

-End-

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice), or (202) 720-6382 (TDD).