



U.S. FOREST SERVICE FIRE UPDATE

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

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Sun Mountain Fire Update

Winthrop, WA—Firefighters made good progress reinforcing containment lines along the south flank of the Sun Mountain Fire while helicopter bucket drops kept the fire in check along the perimeter that is inaccessible to firefighters on the ground.

The 35 acre fire is burning in the steep terrain of the Lake Chelan Sawtooth Wilderness; in the south fork of War Creek drainage, southwest of Winthrop, Washington.

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.

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