



U.S. FOREST SERVICE FIRE UPDATE

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

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Sun Mountain Fire Update

Winthrop, WA—The two hotshot crews and five smoke jumpers assigned to the Sun Mountain fire are continuing work to build and strengthen containment lines. They are installing hose lays along the top and left flanks today.

Two helicopters are being released from the Sun Mountain Fire. The remaining three helicopters will continue to provide support. In addition to crew transport, the helicopters are making bucket drops on the fire and filling the portable tank that will be used to feed the hose lays.

The 35 acre fire is 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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