

# Mills Canyon / Chiwaukum / Kelly Mountain / Duncan Fire Information 509-548-0139 or 509-548-0101



Chelan County  
Fire District 1



Chelan County  
Fire District 3



Chelan County  
Fire District 8



Chelan County  
Fire District 9



Washington  
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Natural  
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Okanogan-  
Wenatchee  
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Bureau of Land  
Management  
Spokane  
District



Ed Lewis  
Incident  
Commander  
IMT PNW  
Team 3

## Fire Update – 07/21/2014 9:00 a.m. PT

Suppression on these fires is an interagency effort, including Chelan County Fire Districts 1, 3, 8 and 9; Washington DNR; Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, and the Bureau of Land Management.

### Yesterday

The Incident Command Post (ICP) has moved from Entiat to the Leavenworth Fish Hatchery in Leavenworth, Washington.

**Chiwaukum Creek Fire:** The southern perimeter of the Chiwaukum fire is located approximately 6 miles northwest of Leavenworth, and is north of Icicle Ridge. On the northern perimeter, the fire has burned into Thompson Creek. Dozers and hand crews constructed line on the northeast flank of the fire, north of Thompson Creek. Structure protection continued along the highway.

**Mills Canyon:** Very little heat and smoke remains in Mills Canyon. Crews continued to extinguish heat along the perimeter. Efforts are focusing on rehabilitating dozer lines and mitigating other impacts of the fire suppression effort. Firefighters assisted the local fire district with an initial attack in the Mills Canyon area.

**Kelly Mountain:** Firefighters continued to make progress on constructing fireline. The fire did not grow yesterday.

**Duncan:** The fire did not grow significantly yesterday. Efforts continued on setting up sprinklers and clearing fuels around the 14 recreational residences located along the river, and assessing opportunities for contingency lines.

### Weather

Weather expected to be warm and dry today, with light winds gusting to 14 mph. Clouds and southwesterly winds will arrive Tuesday. A storm system will move over the burn on Wednesday, bringing cool, wet and windy conditions. Warm and dry weather will return by the weekend.

### Today's Operations

The safety of firefighters and the public remains the highest priority. PNW Team 3 is continually evaluating operations and activity on the fires they are managing and supporting neighboring incidents as appropriate. One unit of the Washington National Guard will arrive today to assist in firefighting efforts.

Quick Facts Incident Summary	
Approximate Size:	Chiwaukum Creek: 10,527 ac Mills Canyon: 22,571 ac Kelly Mountain: 120 ac Duncan: 889 ac
Fire Containment:	Chiwaukum Creek: 10% Mills Canyon: 75% Kelly Mountain: 30% Duncan: 0%
Incident Commander:	Ed Lewis, PNW Team 3
Resources on the Fire:	Crews: 31 Helicopters: 9 Engines: 128 Dozers: 10 Water Tenders: 22
Total Personnel:	Chiwaukum Complex: 920 Mills Canyon Fire: 251
Jurisdiction:	Chelan Co. Fire Districts 1, 3 8 & 9 USDI-Bureau of Land Management Washington State DNR USDA-Forest Service

**Chiwaukum Creek Fire:** The southern perimeter is being scouted for containment strategy. On the northern perimeter, the plan is to burn out from the northwest down to the highway, using the line constructed yesterday north of Thompson Creek. Three structure protection groups will continue to work along the highway. Night operations are being increased.

**Mills Canyon Fire:** Resources on the fire are continuing to be adjusted and reallocated to other fires. Firefighters will continue rehabilitating dozer lines and mitigating other impacts of the fire suppression effort. Firefighters will hold and patrol all areas on the Mills Canyon fire.

**Kelly Mountain Fire:** Firefighters who have been on this fire for several days will be pulled out for rest and because of predicted weather. The fire has not grown since yesterday. We are continuing to evaluate opportunities for control.

**Duncan Fire:** Efforts continue on structure protection. We are continuing to evaluate appropriate suppression action. Within the next few days work will begin on a shaded fuel break tied in to the Shady Pass Road. This will form a contingency area where firefighters can work if the fire moves toward the river and the structures.

### Evacuations Information

Evacuations and closures are dynamic. They change throughout the day as fires move or as suppression efforts succeed in lessening the threat. Chelan County Emergency Services has Facebook and Twitter sites where they post pertinent closure and evacuation information. For the most current closure or evacuation information, please check their site at [www.facebook.com/pages/Chelan-County-Emergency-Management/188543097925415](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Chelan-County-Emergency-Management/188543097925415) or follow them on twitter @ChelanCountyEM. Links to those sites and other helpful fire information is available on InciWeb at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3937/>.

Highway 2 is closed at the time of this update. Current State Highway Closure information is available on their twitter feed @wsdot.

### Shelters

Red Cross has a shelter at the Baptist Church in Leavenworth and a large animal shelter at the Chelan County Fairgrounds.

**Additional Information** about these four fires is available online at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3937/>  
It is also posted to the following facebook and twitter feeds:

<b>Mills Canyon &amp; Kelly Mountain</b>	<b>Chiwaukum Creek</b>	
Twitter: @MillsCanyonFire	Twitter: @ChiwaukumFire	
Facebook: Mills Canyon WAFire	Facebook: Chiwaukum Creek WAFire	

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