

# 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  
Resources



Okanogan-  
Wenatchee  
National Forest



Bureau of Land  
Management  
Spokane  
District



Mike Dueitt < IC  
Southern Area  
Incident  
Management  
Team

## Fire Update – 07/27/2014 9:00 a.m. PT

Suppression of 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.

The Southern Area Incident Management Team (Dueitt) began managing the incident last night as the Pacific Northwest Team 3 transferred management of the Chiwaukum Complex.

With the dry and clear weather yesterday, aircraft were able to fly reconnaissance on all fires. The smoke and fire production increased and air operations increased the number of water drops on the fireline

**A plan to reopen Highway 2 from Coles Corner to Mile Post 99 (just west of Leavenworth, WA) has been postponed at this time. A window of opportunity to begin a two day burn-out operation on the west side of Chiwaukum Creek could present itself on Sunday and Monday. This planned burn-out operation is critical to our control objective of keeping the fire west of Highway 2. "Weather forecasts indicates higher temperatures and lower humidity beginning Wednesday stated Incident Commander Mike Dueitt. We would like to complete this line west and along Highway 2 as safely as possible."**

**Chiwaukum Creek Fire:** Ground firefighters are making progress and will continue for the next 2 to 3 days on burn out operations on the north and east perimeters. Mop up continues along Highway 2 giving the burned area more depth. Helicopters were able to drop water on hot spots located on the wilderness, southern, and north-eastern perimeters which were showing increased fire activity.

**Kelly Mountain/Duncan fires:** Two Hotshot crews continue to mop up on the Kelly Mountain fire. Containment has increased to 70%. Hand crews and equipment continue to clear heavy brush and small trees along Shady Pass Road on the Duncan fire. The North and the West perimeters are showing increased fire activity.

**Mills Canyon:** Only 5% of this fire remains uncontained and will continue to be monitored. Full containment is anticipated in 7-9 days.

**Weather:** The high pressure system is bringing in warmer and drier weather today and into next week. Fire fighters are anticipating increased fire behavior on all fires today. Winds will be driven by terrain in the area of the fires.

**Evacuations/Closure Information:** Road closures along all county roads located between, or originating from, Highway 2 between Nason and Coles Corner were lifted today. Additionally, the level 3 evacuation notice in effect for the same area was downgraded to level 1. Chelan County Emergency Services posts updated evacuations and closures on their Facebook and Twitter sites 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.

**Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest:** <http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/okawen/alerts-notice>

**Smoke Information:** <http://wasmoke.blogspot.com/> and Leavenworth webcam at: <http://www.leavenworth.org/news-weather>

**Highway Information:** <http://www.wsdot.com/traffic/trafficalerts/> or follow twitter: @wsdot

Quick Facts Incident Summary	
Approximate Acreages:	Chiwaukum Creek: 11,056 ac Kelly Mountain: 124 ac Duncan: 1,140 ac Mills Canyon: 22,571 ac
Fire Containment:	Chiwaukum Creek: 25% Kelly Mountain: 70% Duncan: 0% Mills Canyon: 95%
Incident Commander:	Mike Dueitt, Southern Area Incident Management Team
Resources on the Fire:	Crews: 29 Helicopters: 10 Engines: 74 Dozers: 7 Water Tenders: 20
Total Personnel:	Chiwaukum Complex: 990 Mills Canyon Fire: 13
Structures Lost:	1 outbuilding and 3 seasonal cabins
Jurisdiction:	Chelan Co. Fire Districts 1, 3 & 8 & 9 USDI-Bureau of Land Management Washington State DNR USDA-Forest Service

### SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

#### Chiwaukum Complex/Mills Canyon Fire



#### Twitter:

@ChiwaukumFire  
@MillsCanyonFire

#### Facebook:

Chiwaukum Creek WAFire  
Mills Canyon WAFire

Additional fire information:

<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3937/>

