

Chiwaukum Complex

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Fire Update – 08/08/2014 9:00 a.m. PT

The Chiwaukum Complex includes the Chiwaukum, Duncan, Hansel, Shoofly, Mills Canyon and the Kelly Mountain Fires.

The transition for management of the complex from the Southern Red Team to the Pacific Northwest Team 2, Incident Commander Chris Schulte, began on Thursday with an in-briefing from the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. The new Team will observe their counterparts from the Red Team doing their assignments today in anticipation of a seamless transfer of command on Saturday at 6:00 a.m.

Ken McNamee, Agency Administrator for the State of Washington DNR, thanked the Red Team for their great work and tremendous safety record on the incident and notified the new team the bar for performance had been set very high.

The **Duncan Fire** continued to grow on the northwest and southeast ends. The fire moved as winds and topography aligned to push it up a mile along Silver Ridge in the southeast and toward Duncan Hill in the north. Two large, separate plumes were observed through the afternoon on Thursday. The eastern side of the fire started losing energy as it ran into limited fuels near the Chelan Mountain crest in the vicinity of Crow Hill. Helicopter bucket drops were used to limit the fire behavior. Work continued along the Shady Pass Road with crews setting up hose lays and pumps in strategic locations in the event the fire moved toward the shaded fuel break in this area. Firefighters were successful in achieving their primary objective of keeping the fire north and east of the Entiat River Road. The Entiat River Road remains closed at MP 25.

The **Hansel Fire** flared up along the northern flank. Firefighters aided by helicopters knocked the heat out of these spots and engines on the night shift were able to button them up. A focus on this fire is to keep it from crossing Ingalls Creek and getting into the heavy fuels on the north slope above the creek. Flaming snags falling across the creek are challenging firefighters in this effort. Along the north end a combination of dozer and hand lines are being strengthened. Routes to extend the north line and box the fire in on the west side are being scouted.

On the **Chiwaukum Creek Fire**, a small spot was discovered across the northern fire line. This spot had likely been smoldering for a few days. Crews and engines, which had been placed nearby specifically to respond to spotting, were able to quickly react and extinguish the spot. Helicopter bucket work over the last few days is having an effect on the southern edge of the fire as it begins to show less and less heat. Rehabilitation of the fire-lines and back-hauling of excess equipment will continue on Friday.

The **Shoofly Fire** is burning in steep, difficult terrain with heavy fuels approximately 10 miles up the Little Wenatchee River drainage. The fire was relatively inactive on Thursday and remained at 55 acres.

Kelly Mountain Fire: 100% containment was declared on this fire on July 29. Aerial observation will continue to monitor fire behavior.

Mills Canyon Fire: 100% containment was declared on this fire on August 2. Monitoring continues.

Weather: A cold front will move across the fire areas on Friday. The wind direction will shift to the west and northwest, this will have the greatest effect on the Duncan Fire. The Haines Index will remain at 3.

Evacuations/Closure Information: Chelan County Emergency Services posts updated evacuations and closures at [facebook.com/pages/Chelan-County-Emergency-Management/188543097925415](https://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/> ###

Quick Facts Incident Summary	
Approximate Acreages based on overnight infra-red flight:	Chiwaukum Creek: 13,670 ac Kelly Mountain: 124 ac Duncan: 8,303 ac Mills Canyon: 22,571 ac Hansel: 918 ac Shoofly: 55 ac
Fire Containment:	Chiwaukum Creek: 35% Duncan: 4% Hansel: 8% Mills Canyon: 100% Kelly Mountain: 100% Shoofly: 0%
Incident Commander:	Mike Dueitt, Southern Area Incident Management Team
Resources on the Fire:	Crews: 22 Helicopters: 8 Engines: 41 Dozers: 9 Water Tenders: 11
Total Personnel:	Chiwaukum Complex: 794 Mills Canyon Fire: 9
Structures Lost:	4 1 outbuilding and 3 seasonal cabins
Jurisdiction:	Chelan Co. Fire Districts 1, 3, 4, 6, 8 & 9 USDI-Bureau of Land Management Washington State DNR USDA-Forest Service

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Twitter: @wsdot

<http://www.wsdot.com/traffic/trafficalerts/>