



# Chiwaukum Complex

Fire Information 509-548-0139 or 509-548-0101

## Fire Update – Friday, August 15, 2014 – 9:00 a.m. PDT

**A Community Meeting was held Thursday evening at the Valley Hi Fire Station. Those in attendance received the most current information regarding the Hansel Creek Fire as well as future plans for fire containment.**

Scattered showers are expected this afternoon and evening, accompanied by minimal thunder and lightning. Fine fuels remain moist; however, fire danger still exists. Lightning from previous days may have ignited new fires which could show up over the next several days. Initial attack crews are available to respond to any new starts.

Through Friday and Saturday, fire behavior is expected to remain low. However, fires are still expected to smolder in stumps and other sheltered fuels. Over the weekend, a slight drying trend is expected.

The steep road to Shady Pass on the **Duncan Fire** remains very slick and hazardous for firefighters. Progress has been made along the Entiat River Road portion of the fire with crews conducting mop-up, removing mud and debris from roads after heavy rains, and removing hoses and other equipment from the line. Muddy conditions and erosion from the fire have caused occasional debris flow and rolling log hazards along the Entiat River Road.

Duncan Fire Evacuation Levels remain the same. **Level 1 Evacuation Notices** are in effect on Entiat River Road from milepost 18 to Brief, and **Level 2 Evacuation Notices** are in effect on Entiat River Road from Brief to the end of County Road, on Tye Road, Benne Rd, and Jennie Ln.

Crews have made significant progress on the eastern and northeastern portion of the **Hansel Creek Fire** as safety allows. The fire remains west of Highway 97. Structure protection is in place and the portion of the fire closest to Highway 97 remains secured.

Hansel Creek Fire Evacuation Levels remain the same. **Level 1 Evacuation Notices** are in place on the stretch of Highway 97 from Ingalls Creek to Camas Creek Road, and in Valley Hi from Ingalls Ln. to Cottonwood Ln. **Level 2 Evacuation Notices** are in place on Ingalls Creek Rd, Hansel Cr. Rd, and Pine Ridge Rd.

Very steep terrain and wet conditions have made direct attack on the **Shoofly Fire** difficult. Firefighters are making progress developing contingencies on Lake Creek Road and the Heather Creek drainage to the south and on Fall Creek to the north that may be used as containment lines.

The **Alpine Fire** is 100% lined, 80% contained, 50% mopped up, and will be unstaffed today.

Progress has been made on the northwest corner of the **Chiwaukum Creek Fire** at McCue Ridge. Rehabilitation of the firelines and mop-up activities continue. Spotting along the western/northwestern edges of the fire has been contained, and hoses are being removed from the line. Mop-up along the northeast section is on hold, as conditions are very slick and muddy. Firefighters will take advantage of the reduced fire activity to scout flanks at the Chiwaukum Creek Fire that are in the wilderness. **Level 1 Evacuation Notices** are still in place on Coulter Rd.

All major roads including Highway 2 and Highway 97 are open. Businesses in surrounding communities remain open and ready for business.

**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-notices> **Smoke Information:** <http://wasmoke.blogspot.com/>

Quick Facts Incident Summary	
Approximate Acreages based on overnight infra- red flight;	<b>Chiwaukum Creek:</b> 13,895 ac <b>Duncan:</b> 12,502 ac <b>Hansel Creek:</b> 1,016 ac <b>Shoofly:</b> 160 ac <b>Alpine:</b> 19 ac
Fire Containment:	<b>Chiwaukum Creek:</b> 70% <b>Duncan:</b> 30% <b>Hansel Creek:</b> 60% <b>Shoofly:</b> 0% <b>Alpine:</b> 80% <b>Mills Canyon:</b> 100% <b>Kelly Mountain:</b> 100%
Incident Commander:	Chris Schulte, Pacific Northwest National Incident Management Team 2
Resources on the Fires:	Crews: 15 Helicopters: 6 Engines: 65 Dozers: 12 Water Tenders: 12
Total Personnel:	979
Structures Lost: 4	1 outbuilding and 3 seasonal cabins
Jurisdiction:	USDA- Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest USDI-Bureau of Land Management Chelan Co. Fire Districts 1, 3, 4, 6, 8 & 9 Washington State DNR
Cooperators:	WA National Guard WA Dept. of Transportation Chelan Co. Sheriff's Department

### SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

<http://inciweb.nwccg.gov/incident/3976/> (Chiwaukum)  
<http://inciweb.nwccg.gov/incident/4069/> (Duncan)  
<http://inciweb.nwccg.gov/incident/4070/> (Hansel Creek)  
**Twitter:** @ChiwaukumFire  
**Facebook:** Chiwaukum Creek WAFire  
**Highway Information:** Twitter: @wsdot  
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