

Wolverine/Blankenship/First Creek Fires Update

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Chelan County Fire Districts



Washington State DNR



National Park Service Department of Interior



Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest



Southwest Area Incident Management Team 1



Bureau of Land Management Department of Interior

Fire Update – Monday, September 7, 2015 – 9:00 a.m.

Note: The Pacific Crest Trail is now open on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. Forest closures are still in place but have been modified. Please check the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest webpage for details.

The businesses around Lake Wenatchee are open this holiday weekend. As fire behavior diminishes, we ask you to remember that fire restrictions remain in effect. Increasing winds and temperatures may usher in more active fire behavior in drought-stricken fuels. Please remain vigilant and prevent human-caused wildfires.

First Creek: The fire received about a tenth of an inch of rain yesterday. Crews continue patrolling for any hot spots and rehabilitating fire lines. **We ask residents to remember that interior smokes will continue to occur. As residents return to the First Creek area, they are asked to be aware of the possibility of mudslides following any rain events.** Visit <http://www.centralwashingtonfirerecovery.info/floodwatch> or contact your local Emergency Management for more information on mudslides.

Wolverine: About ¼ inch of rain fell on the fire yesterday morning. The fire continues to smolder, with pockets of heat dispersed across the fire area. Hotshot crews were pulled from working an indirect line in the upper elevations west of the Entiat drainage after receiving almost 2" of snow in the area. Crews will continue to improve the Community Protection Line, a vegetated fuel break that is being thinned and brushed, leaving mature trees in place with spacing between them. This line will assist in the firefighting efforts as well as meeting long term objectives as a possible option in future fire containment.

Weather: A dry disturbance is expected to pass through the area this afternoon. Temperatures will remain below normal, but winds are expected to gust up to 25 mph. Forecasts show a trend towards increasing temperatures and lower humidity for the rest of the week, with highs reaching 90 degrees by Friday.

Evacuation/Aid Information: LEVEL 1 areas: Entiat River Road starting at approximately mile post 21.5 (Brief) up to the end of Entiat River Road. First Creek Road and South Shore from Morning Sun Drive to Shady Pass.

Road Closures and Evacuations:

- Douglas County Emergency Management: 509-888-6841 <http://tinyurl.com/DouglasCtyEM>
- Chelan County Emergency Management: 509-667-6863, <http://www.co.chelan.wa.us>
- Okanogan Emergency Management: 509-422-7207, <http://okanogandem.org/>
- Road & Hwy Info: wsdot.com Twitter: @wsdot
- Washington State Patrol: 509-682-8090

National Forest area closures:

- Methow Ranger District: 509-996-4003
- Chelan Ranger District: 509-682-4900
- Wenatchee River District: 509-548-2550
- Forest Service Closure Maps: <http://goo.gl/aTr8bU>

Quick Facts Incident Summary	
Approximate Acreages:	First Creek: 7,702 Wolverine: 65,275 Blankenship: 212 Total: 73,189
Fire Containment:	First Creek: 90% Wolverine: 32% Blankenship: 2%
Incident Commander:	Clay Templin, Southwest Area Incident Management Team 1
Resources on the Fires:	Crews: 7 Engines: 21 Water Tenders: 6 Bulldozers: 16 Helicopters: 6
Total Personnel:	489
Approximate Structures Lost:	Chelan County: 23 (residences, businesses, and outbuildings)
Jurisdiction:	Chelan Co. Fire Districts Chelan Co. Sheriff Washington State DNR USDA-Forest Service National Park Service Bureau of Land Mgmt.

INTERNET LINKS

InciWeb:

Wolverine and Blankenship: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4354/>

Twitter: @WolverineFire

Facebook: Wolverine, First Creek and Blankenship Fire <http://goo.gl/4SBf53>

Smoke Info: <http://wasmoke.blogspot.com/>

Chelan County Emergency Management: <https://goo.gl/ViJKng>

Evacuation Shelters: Red Cross: 509-663-3907

Power: Chelan County PUD: 877-783-8123 <http://www.chelanpud.org/>