

Wolverine Fire Update

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Chelan County Fire Districts #7 and #10



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Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest



Pacific Northwest Incident Management Team 2

Fire Update – Thursday, August 6, 2015 – 9:00 a.m.

The **Wolverine fire** has now grown to approximately 26,614 acres with expansion yesterday to the west up Railroad Creek towards Holden and to the north into Castle Creek. The fire remains about 4.5 miles east of Holden Village and 2 miles southwest of Stehekin. Helicopters worked early in the day to limit the northerly spread of the fire. Success of the water drops was aided by rocky outcroppings as well as less continuous fuels. Firefighters also used aerial ignition devices from a helicopter to burn fuels in Klone Creek to slow the fire's movement towards Holden. Air operations were shut down by mid-afternoon due to high winds and poor visibility from smoke. The fire has moved into the Graham Harbor drainage on the south end, but expansion remained slow due to natural features such as rocky outcroppings as well as less continuous fuels.

Fire crews continued with structure protection work in Holden and have established a fuel break around the community. Firefighters are assessing additional opportunities to intervene in the fire's movement up the drainage towards Holden. Rocks and fire debris continue to fall on Forest Road 8301 from Lucerne to Holden making it a challenge to keep the road open for firefighters. Mop up and patrol continues in Lucerne and along Lake Chelan to protect structures and campgrounds near the fire. Wildland fire engines were barged up Lake Chelan to the Stehekin area yesterday to aid in structure protection in the valley. Firefighters are also preparing a contingency line along the Stehekin River Trail to prevent the fire from spreading into Stehekin from the west should the fire move past the Castle Creek drainage on the north.

Firefighters continue to evaluate opportunities to limit movement of the fire to the south. Crews and dozers have completed a fire line down a ridge to Lake Chelan from the Shady Pass Road (Forest Road 5900) near 25 Mile Camp. Clearing of brush will continue today along the Shady Pass Road which will be used as a contingency line if the fire were to burn near 25 Mile Camp.

Blankenship Fire: Monitoring continues to show minimal fire activity. The fire is in the south fork of Agnes Creek and upslope along sides of avalanche chutes. High rocky ridges surrounding the fire are serving as good barriers to fire growth.

Goode Fire : Smokejumpers utilized water from helicopter drops yesterday to limit fire spread in the Park Creek drainage within North Cascades National Park, approximately 18 miles northwest of the Wolverine Fire. Suppression efforts remain focused on pinching the fire off on its southern flank. Fire lines on the north, east, and west sides have been tied into rocky ridgetops and a glacier.

Expected Fire Behavior: The Wolverine Fire will continue to show slow movement south along Lake Chelan. The fire will continue to steadily move to the west in Railroad Creek and to the north in Castle Creek. The Goode Fire will slowly continue to burn south and down Park Creek.

Weather: The upper level trough has shifted east of the fire area with a gradual warming and drying trend beginning as a small upper level ridge develops to replace it. High temperatures will warm slightly today and more so on Friday with a corresponding drop in relative humidity. Breezy northwest winds along and near Lake Chelan will continue through mid-morning then diminish through the day. Temperatures are expected mid to upper 80s with valleys to mid 60s along ridges. Humidities 15% to 18% lower elevations; 30% to 35% along ridges.

Evacuations/Closure Information: Level 3 evacuations are still in effect for Holden Village, Lucerne, Domke Lake, Riddle and Lightning Creek. Domke Lake, Lucerne and Refrigerator Harbor campgrounds are closed until further notice.

The Shady Pass Road (5900) remains closed due to heavy fire equipment traffic. The closure begins at the junction with Slide Ridge Road and continues over Shady Pass to the Entiat River Road. The Big Hill Road is closed from Shady Pass to the Big Hill Trailhead. Snowberry Campground remains open.

The Incident Command Post is now located at Chelan Falls Campground.

Quick Facts Incident Summary	
Approximate Acreages	Wolverine Fire: 26,614 acres
	Blankenship Fire: 170 acres
	Goode Fire: 687 acres
Fire Containment:	0%
Incident Commander:	Chris Schulte, Pacific Northwest National Incident Management Team 2
Resources on the Fires:	Crews: 9 Engines: 18 Water Tenders: 9 Bulldozers: 4 Helicopters: 8
Total Personnel:	397
Structures Lost: 4	1 Residence 3 other structures
Jurisdiction:	Chelan Co. Fire Districts #7 and #10 Chelan Co Sheriff Washington State DNR USDA-Forest Service National Park Service

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<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4354>

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Highway Information: Twitter: @wsdot

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

Smoke Information:

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

For further information, visit Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/okawen/alerts-notices>