

# Wolverine Fire Update

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Chelan County Fire Districts #7 and #10



Washington State DNR



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Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest



Pacific Northwest Incident Management Team 2

## Fire Update – Sunday, August 16, 2015 – 9:00 a.m.

Pacific Northwest Incident Management Team 2 assumed command of the Reach, Antoine, Cagle, First Creek, Black Canyon, and Squaw Creek Fires at 6:00 am, August 15. The fires, located near Chelan, Washington, started after early Friday morning thunderstorms, and spread quickly, threatening residences and other infrastructure. Crews and equipment from the Wolverine Fire, joined by resources from the Washington Department of Natural Resources, US Forest Service, Okanogan, Douglas, and Chelan County Fire Districts, National Guard, the Bureau of Land Management, and others have been working to protect homes and slow the fires' spread.

Firefighters remain focused on initial attack of these new fires, and are working to protect homes from the advancing fires and are assessing opportunities to work offensively to slow the fire's spread. The fires have damaged or destroyed an unknown number of residences and other structures. The most active fires yesterday afternoon and evening were in the Antoine and Cagle areas. Last night, a night shift of five state mobilized strike teams assisted with firefighting activities. Additional resources arriving today include firefighting crews and a blackhawk helicopter from the National Guard, additional dozers and engines, and multiple crews from Washington Department of Natural Resources. Six helicopters and two fixed wing aircraft are assisting with water drops, crew shuttle, and reconnaissance.

**Reach Fire** (including Cagle and Antoine fires) is burning in brush, short grass, and timber near Chelan. Burnouts and dozer lines completed at the southern flank held the fire, protecting many homes and areas along the Columbia River. Last night firefighters worked to protect structures from fire activity in Union Valley and Washington Creek. Today firefighters will be working to establish anchor points and provide point and zone protection for structures and infrastructure, as well as assessing opportunities for perimeter control on the north and south flanks of the fire.

**First Creek** is actively spreading west, burning in brush and timber, 8 miles northwest of Chelan. The fire continues to threaten residences along South Lake Shore Road, as well as Lake Chelan State Park, First Creek Rd., and SR 971. Firefighters are burning out areas at the south end of the fire by hand firing and will be working to provide structure protection from Twentyfive Mile Creek to Navarre Coulee, as well as assessing opportunities to control the fire perimeter at the north and south. The fire is currently south of the Cove area, has not crossed First Creek or Navarre Coulee, and has not reached Lake Chelan State Park.

**Black Canyon** and **Squaw Creek** fires are actively burning in timber, brush, and short grass approximately 8 miles west of Pateros, in Okanogan County. Firefighters will be using direct and indirect tactics to limit fire growth and will be assessing needs for point protection, road and trail closures, and evacuations.

**Wolverine Fire:** On the north and south ends, the fire stayed within planned containment lines. Firefighters are nearing completion of burnout operations around Holden Village and are continuing with mop up and structure protection in that area. Level 3 evacuations remain for Holden Village, Lucerne, Domke Lake, Riddle, and Lightning Creek.

**Weather:** Today will be partly cloudy with highs in the mid 80's in the valleys and lower 70s at the ridges. Northwest flow over the area will lead to dry and mild conditions through much of the week. Winds will mainly be terrain driven each day.

**Closure Information:** Extensive trail and area closures in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest remain in effect, more information available on inciweb. Contact Washington State Department of Transportation or Chelan County Emergency Management for information about Chelan area road closures.

**Evacuation/Aid Information:** Level 3 evacuations in place for at least 1,500 residents in the greater Chelan area. Evacuation information available from Chelan County Emergency Management. Red Cross shelters established at **Entiat Valley Resource Center**, 2084 Entiat Way, Entiat, and **Sterling Middle School**, 600 North James Street, East Wenatchee.

Quick Facts Incident Summary	
Approximate Acreages:	Reach, Cagle, and Antoine: 55,454 ac. First Creek: 1,726 ac. Black Canyon: 3,000 ac. Squaw Creek: 300 ac. Wolverine Fire: 38,793 ac. Blankenship Fire: 172 ac.
Fire Containment:	Wolverine: 30% Reach: 1% Others: 0%
Incident Commander:	Chris Schulte, Pacific Northwest National Incident Management Team 2
Resources on the Fires:	Crews: 14 Engines: 68 Water Tenders: 8 Bulldozers: 6 Helicopters: 6
Total Personnel:	727
Approximate Structures Lost:	25+
Jurisdiction:	Chelan Co. Fire Districts #7 and #10 Chelan Co. Sheriff Washington State DNR USDA-Forest Service National Park Service Bureau of Land Mgmt.
Community meeting:	<b>Today, August 16, 4pm at Chelan High School.</b>

### SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

Inciweb: <http://inciweb.nwccg.gov/incident/4354/>

Twitter: @WolverineFire

Facebook: Wolverine Fire

Road & Hwy Info: [wsdot.com](http://wsdot.com) Twitter: @wsdot

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

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest:

<http://goo.gl/nXrciP>

Chelan Co. Emergency Management:

<https://goo.gl/ekuHGZ>

Power info on Twitter: @chelanpud