

# Chelan Complex/Wolverine/Black Canyon Fires Update

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Chelan County  
Fire Districts #7  
and #10



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Okanogan-Wenatchee  
National Forest



Southwest Area Incident  
Management Team 1



Bureau of  
Land Management  
Department of Interior

## Fire Update – Friday, August 21, 2015 – 9:00 a.m.

Southwest Area Type I Incident Management Team, under leadership of Incident Commander Templin, assumed command of the Chelan Complex, First Creek, Wolverine, and Blankenship Fires at 6:00 am today.

**Chelan Complex (includes Reach, Black Canyon, and McFarland Creek):** Conditions yesterday did not allow firefighters to complete firing along Cooper Ridge, so they will be seeking opportunities to complete and improve that line today. Firing operations will be supported by helicopter water drops as needed. Firefighters are also preparing for zone protection along Black Canyon Road and the northern edge of the fire in areas that were burned by the Carlton Complex fire last year. They plan to use and improve breaks along existing roads and dozer lines in that area and will be assessing opportunities to construct additional dozer line as needed. The Chelan Butte area and portion of the fire on the east side of the Columbia River are completely contained, firefighters there are monitoring flareups in areas of unburned fuels inside the fire perimeter.

**First Creek:** The fire was very active through the night and spread to the north yesterday but remains above the dozer contingency line that parallels the South Lakeshore Road, west of the Yacht Club and Kelly's Resort. Helicopters will be dropping water on the area today as weather conditions allow. Firefighters will be assessing opportunities to limit fire spread to the north along the lake.

**Wolverine:** Movement to the west and southwest and into the Aurora Creek Area of the upper Entiat River valley is expected today. At the north end, the fire is on the north side of the Castle Creek drainage, approximately 2 miles south of Devore Creek. Firefighters will be working to hold the fire on the south side of the ridge between the Castle Creek and One-Mile drainages and will be supported by helicopter water drops. On the south end of the Wolverine Fire, the ridge between Pyramid Creek and Graham Harbor is still holding. Level 3 evacuations remain for Holden Village, Lucerne, Domke Lake, Riddle, and Lightning Creek.

**Weather:** Very critical fire weather conditions continue with a **Red Flag Warning** in effect until 11:00 pm tonight for strong winds and dry conditions. Strong northwest winds will channel down Lake Chelan and strong south-southwest winds will channel up the Columbia River. A strong push of northerly winds down the Okanogan Valley midday will shift winds in the northern portion of the Reach Fire and along Cooper Ridge to the north and northeast. Wind speeds will be 25-35 mph, diminishing gradually through the night. Conditions will begin warming and drying again Saturday with instability increasing through the weekend. Enhanced column development expected and air operations may be limited by smoke/visibility and high winds.

**Evacuation/Aid Information:** **Level 3 evacuations in place** for approximately 1,200 residents in the greater Chelan area. Evacuation information available from Chelan County Emergency Management. Red Cross shelters are established at **MOE Elementary**, 407 East Woodin Ave, Chelan; **Sterling Middle School**, 600 North James Street, East Wenatchee; and **Brewster High School**, 503 S 7th St, Brewster.

### Road Closures and Evacuations:

- Douglas County Emergency Management: 509-888-6841, <http://tinyurl.com/DouglasCtyEM>
- Chelan County Emergency Management: 509-667-6863, <http://tinyurl.com/ChelanCtyEM>
- Okanogan Emergency Management: 509-422-7207, <http://goo.gl/nXrciP>
- Road & Hwy Info: [wsdot.com](http://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

**Evacuation Shelters:** Red Cross: 509-663-3907

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

Quick Facts Incident Summary	
Approximate Acreages:	Chelan Complex: 86,129 ac. First Creek: 2,293 ac. Wolverine: 46,000 ac. Blankenship: 180 ac. <b>Total: 134,602 ac.</b>
Fire Containment:	Chelan Complex: 35% First Creek: 2% Wolverine: 30% Blankenship: 0%
Incident Commander:	Clay Templin, Southwest Area Incident Management Team 1
Resources on the Fires:	Crews: 26 Engines: 69 Water Tenders: 16 Bulldozers: 14 Helicopters: 5 Fixed Wing: 2
Total Personnel:	931
Approximate Structures Lost:	Chelan County: 67 Douglas County: 17 (residences, businesses, and outbuildings)
Jurisdiction:	Chelan Co. Fire Districts #7 and #10 Chelan Co. Sheriff Washington State DNR USDA-Forest Service National Park Service Bureau of Land Mgmt.

### INTERNET LINKS

#### InciWeb:

Reach, Black Canyon, and First Creek:

<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4538/>

Wolverine and Blankenship:

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

**Twitter:** @WolverineFire

**Facebook:** Reach Complex/Wolverine/Black Canyon Fires

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