



Okanogan-Wenatchee
National Forest



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources



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Fire Update – 7/15/2015 9:00 a.m. PDT

Yesterday's Activities: The size of the fire remains unchanged over the last three days. Two hot shot crews were delivered by helicopter to the northern area of the fire in Canada. They are coordinating with 40 Canadian firefighters and have good communication with them. Crews will build hand line to prevent wildfire from moving back into the U.S.

Crews continue to locate and mop up hot spots along the eastern portion of the fire. They are extending handlines in areas that equipment is unable to access. This objective is to minimize the acres burned in the Loomis State Forest.

On the south end of the fire crews worked to complete the fire line "tie-in" to the 2006 Tripod Fire area. Mop up was completed on a spot fire between the fire and the southern line.

Today's Activities: The two hot shot crews in Canada will continue to build line on the northeastern edge of the fire. Very little active fire remains in this area. Crews will continue to remove snags and improve/extend the mechanical lines on the east side of the fire. At the south end of the fire firefighters will continue to improve both hand and mechanical lines that tie into the old burn. The handline portion of the southern line will be plumbed with hose lines in anticipation of holding the fire should it grow in the future.

Weather: No rain was received on the fire yesterday. Today will be warmer and drier. Temperatures at the fire will range from 62 to 72

degrees with relative humidity's in a range of 28% to 36%. Winds will be light, out of the northwest. Wednesday evening winds will be increasing throughout the night as a cold dry front moves through. Winds are expected to reach gusts of 25 miles per hour. Fire activity is expected to increase with the drier conditions, warmer temperatures, and increase in winds.

Closures: An area closure remains in place on all National Forest Lands and WA DNR lands affected by the fire. For the most up-to-date trail, road and campground closure information on National Forest and Washington DNR lands, please contact the appropriate land management agency or visit their websites

Washington DNR: www.dnr.wa.gov/managed-lands/forest-and-trust-lands/loomis-and-loup-loup-state-forests

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest: www.fs.usda.gov/okawen/

Quick Facts	
Newby Lake Fire Summary	
Location:	12 Miles NW of Loomis, WA
Approximate Size:	5,065 acres
Fire Containment:	15%
Start Date:	July 2, 2015
Cause:	Lightning
Incident Commander:	Ed Lewis, PNW Team 3
Resources on the Fire:	15 crews 9 helicopters 17 engines 8 water tenders 6 dozers 2 masticators
Total Personnel:	530
Cooperating Agencies:	US Forest Service Washington DNR BC Wildfire Service US Border Patrol

FOR ADDITIONAL FIRE INFORMATION:

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