



Okanogan-Wenatchee
National Forest



Ed Lewis
Incident Commander
IMT PNW Team 3

Fire Information – International Effort

Tonasket, WA –Firefighters from Canada and the United States joined forces to work on the Newby Lake Fire.

“From the first day of the incident, there has been international coordination and cross-boundary firefighting,” said Incident Commander Ed Lewis. “We formalized some of those processes yesterday with a delegation letter assigning responsibility for managing the entire Newby Lake Fire to PNW Team 3.”

The intent of operations in Division Z, which is the portion of the fire within Canada, is to keep the fire from taking hold in one of the drainages and finding its way back south into the United States.

“This fire has already shown its ability torch, spot and get established in unburned drainages that are filled with dead and down trees; ripe to be burned. We want to keep it from sneaking around through the back door again,” said Lewis.

In addition to firefighting efforts on the north end of the fire, firefighters are working on contingency lines along the eastern and southern perimeters.

For more information about the Newby Lake Fire, please contact the Fire Information Office at 509-486-4003 or look online at one of the following locations:

Web Page - inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4355/
Facebook - [Newby Lake Fire](#)
Twitter - [@OkaWenNF](#)
Blog - newbylakewafire.wordpress.com
British Columbia Wildfire Service – bcwildfire.ca

ADDITIONAL FIRE INFORMATION

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