



Okanogan-Wenatchee
National Forest



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources



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Fire Update – 7/16/2015 9:00 a.m. PDT

Yesterday's Activities: The acres burned remained the same, but containment has risen to 20%. Nighttime infra-red photo flights indicate many areas of fire have heat along the fire's edge and interior.

The north end of the fire had two hot shot crews and 40 Canadian firefighters working. They need two more days of work to complete the lined area in Canada. The east side of the fire had crews extending and strengthening line further in the Snowshoe Trail and Disappointment Ridge area.

On the south end of the fire firefighters continue to put in hose lays and remove snags adjacent to the fire line to improve the line that connects to the 2006 Tripod Fire. Crews began working on "contingency lines" to back up the primary lines. This work is in the Branch Creek and Nine Mile drainage.

Today's Activities: With the use of a palm infra-red, firefighters will search for hot spots near the fire line on the east and north sides of the fire. Using infra-red to detect hotspots allows crews to focus their efforts and limits exposure of firefighters to falling snags.

At the south portion of the fire crews will continue to improve fire lines and to evaluate potential locations of fire line close to the fire edge.

Work to extend contingency lines in the Branch Creek and Nine Mile drainage will continue for the next few days.

Weather: Through Friday the main concern for firefighters is the drying of fuels and increased winds. Winds on Thursday are expected to be 13 miles per hour with gusts up to 25 miles per hour. Relative humidity 37% and temperature on the fire in the sixties. The strongest winds are expected Friday morning.

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:	20%
Start Date:	July 2, 2015
Cause:	Lightning
Incident Commander:	Ed Lewis, PNW Team 3
Resources on the Fire:	14 crews 8 helicopters 17 engines 8 water tenders 6 dozers 2 masticators
Total Personnel:	519
Cooperating Agencies:	US Forest Service Washington DNR BC Wildfire Service US Border Patrol

FOR ADDITIONAL FIRE INFORMATION:

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