



# Cougar Creek Fire

Daily Update: September 08, 2015  
0900 Hours

## GLENWOOD, WA –

Firefighters continue to focus on mop-up and suppression repair on all divisions of the fire today. The warmer weather is aiding firefighters in locating and extinguishing hot spots within the containment lines, reducing any threat to the line.

A warming and drying trend continues today as a ridge builds over the region. Temperatures will get warmer, winds will increase, and humidity levels will decrease. Weather for Wednesday will feature breezy, dry and unstable conditions. As the weekend approaches a trough is expected to bring cooler and more humid conditions.

Many post fire surveys will be generated by a team of scientists. The BAER assessment team generates a “Soil Burn Severity” map by using satellite imagery which is then validated and adjusted by BAER team field surveys to assess watershed conditions and watershed response to the wildfire. The map identifies areas of soil burn severity by categories of low/unburned, moderate, and high which corresponds to a projected increase in watershed response.

The BAER team presents these findings and treatment recommendations to Agency Supervisors in an assessment report that identifies immediate and emergency stabilization actions needed to address potential post-fire risks to human life and safety, property, cultural-heritage and critical natural resources.

In most cases, only a portion of the burned area is actually treated. Severely burned areas, steep slopes, places where water run-off will be excessive, fragile slopes above homes, businesses, municipal water supplies, and other valuable facilities are focus areas and described in the BAER assessment report as values-at-risk.

Type III Management team Joe Wyatt will work with the outgoing team to exchange crucial information, strategize and transfer key logistical needs today. Official transition to the new team will occur Wednesday morning at 6:00 AM.

**Closures** in effect to minimize risks to public safety: **DNR** - All DNR State Trust lands and recreation sites within the Glenwood Block are closed. **Yakama Nation** – Nation lands are closed to the public, except enrolled members. Burned areas remain closed until further notice. **USFS** – The Pacific Crest Trail through the Mt Adams Wilderness, the Mt. Adams Wilderness in its entirety, and all trails on the south and east sides of Mt. Adams is closed between Forest Road 23 at Williams Mine to the eastern boundary of the Forest. Forest Roads 80 & 82 is also closed.

<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4484/>

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## Quick Facts

**Size**  
53,523 acres

**Containment**  
97%

**Location**  
6 miles northwest of  
Glenwood, WA

**Cause**  
Lightning/Natural

**Resources**  
440 Personnel

16 Crews  
23 Engines  
3 Dozers  
8 Water Tenders  
2 Helicopters

**Pacific Crest Trail Closures:**  
<http://www.pcta.org/discover-the-trail/trail-conditions-and-closures/>  
or call the Mt Adams Ranger District  
(509)395-3400

**Incident Maps Link:**  
<https://deptofnaturalresources.box.com/s/7s5p5rj8sz7kx1xv4lbkto5p5op6t2c8>