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Okanogan Complex and Chelan Complex Fire Update September 2, 2015, 9:00 AM

Fire Information: 877-568-0458 or 877-574-5148, 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM

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

Okanogan Complex

Size: 147,979 acres
Containment: 45 percent
Estimated Cost to Date: \$16.4 million
Injuries: 6
Residences Burned: 123
Total Personnel: 1,253
Committed Resources: 20 crews, 103 engines, 16 dozers, 27 water tenders, 4 helicopters

Chelan Complex

Size: 93,694 acres
Containment: 55 percent
Estimated Cost to Date: \$12.9 million
Injuries: 8
Residences Burned: 21
Total Personnel: 688
Committed Resources: 10 crews, 50 engines, 6 dozers, 23 water tenders, 8 helicopters

OKANOGAN COMPLEX

Lime Belt Fire (132,037 acres, 35 percent contained):

West of the Sinlahekin Valley on the northwest corner of the fire, firefighters have constructed fireline and continue to improve and strengthen it. Firefighters are scouting for areas of concern along the Loup Loup Canyon Road and will construct direct line when fire and weather conditions permit. South of Peacock Mountain firefighters continue building fireline and mopping up from previous defensive firing operations. The southwest corner of the fire west of the 42 road, firefighters will look for opportunities to conduct defensive firing operations to limit fire spread to Mineral Hill and Granite Mountain.

Twisp River Fire (11,222 acres, 98 percent contained): About 50 firefighters are still performing direct suppression activities and mopping up. Heavy equipment—including road graders, excavators, water tenders, and dozers— will be returning to the fire area today to assist with suppression-repair efforts.

Nine Mile Fire (4,720 acres, 98 percent contained): The fire will continue to be monitored by air. Suppression-repair crews will remove about 2,000 feet of hose from the fireline.

CHELAN COMPLEX

The southern half of the fire is being patrolled by air and crews will be assessing suppression-repair needs. The fire grew slightly to the north yesterday near Hungry Mountain. Crews are protecting structures in the Gold Creek area. Air operations, which are benefiting from clear skies, are able to assist firefighters with the challenging northwest corner of the fire. The fire remains south of Rainy Creek.

WEATHER

Warmer drier air is expected to move into the area today, and the relative humidity will be around 25 percent. Southwest winds will be weaker than yesterday, with gusts up to 20 miles per hour. The chance of rain today is very slight.

EVACUATIONS

Information on evacuations is available from the Okanogan County Emergency Operations Center at 509-422-7348 and on its Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Okanogan.County.Emergency.Management>.

ROAD CLOSURES

Many firefighters and equipment are working along the roads. Please stay alert and slow down when driving through the fire area. Information on road closures is available from the Okanogan County Emergency Operations Center at 509-422-7348 and on its Facebook page (link above). Additional information about closures is available from the Washington State Department of Transportation at www.wsdot.com/traffic/trafficalerts.