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## Okanogan Complex and Chelan Complex Fire Update September 3, 2015, 9:00 PM

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

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

### Okanogan Complex

**Size:** 148,747 acres  
**Containment:** 60 percent  
**Estimated Cost to Date:** \$30.9 million  
**Injuries:** 6  
**Residences Burned:** 123  
**Total Personnel:** 1,188  
**Committed Resources:** 19 crews, 73 engines, 11 dozers, 23 water tenders, 9 helicopters

### Chelan Complex

**Size:** 93,877 acres  
**Containment:** 70 percent  
**Estimated Cost to Date:** \$14.9 million  
**Injuries:** 9  
**Residences Burned:** 21  
**Total Personnel:** 613  
**Committed Resources:** 9 crews, 25 engines, 5 dozers, 14 water tenders

### CURRENT FIRE SITUATION

Moderate to heavy clouds most of the day resulted in minimal fire activity which allowed crews to increase containment. To put the work in context, 5 percent containment equals 15 miles of constructed line. If the containment lines for the Okanogan Complex were stretched straight, they would be 313 miles long. Both the Lime Belt and Chelan fires are still most active on their north and northwest ends and light winds allowed air operation activity today.

### OKANOGAN COMPLEX

**Lime Belt Fire (132,805 acres, 55 percent contained):** On the northern tip, clouds helped to keep the fire suppressed. Over ten miles of fire line were secured by dozers. There is still unburned vegetation in the steep drainage east of Sinlahekin Valley. Firefighters tied in the last piece of unburned line at the top of the rim. On the west side where the fire is still active, retardant was dropped. The fire remains east of the Loup Loup Canyon Road where crews conducted defensive firing operations. Mop up operations continue on most of the east side of the fire.

**Twisp River Fire (11,222 acres, 98 percent contained) and Nine Mile Fire (4,720 acres, 98 percent contained):** Suppression repair activities on the Twisp Fire have started on dozer lines, firelines, safety zones, and helispots that were constructed during the fire suppression phase.

### CHELAN COMPLEX

Crews continued to secure the fireline around Hungry Mountain and Rainy Creek. Northwest of St. Luise Creek, where dangerous, difficult terrain makes direct suppression unsafe for firefighters, aircraft held the fire in check. Crews continue to defend structures in the following areas: South Fork Gold Creek, Gold Creek, North Fork Gold Creek and McFarland Creek. Where the fire is contained, crews are mopping up, patrolling, and identifying suppression-repair needs.

### EVACUATIONS AND ROAD CLOSURES

Information on evacuation and road closures 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>. Additional information about closures is available from the Washington State Department of Transportation at [www.wsdot.com/traffic/trafficalerts](http://www.wsdot.com/traffic/trafficalerts).