



Okanogan Complex and Chelan Complex Fire Update



September 4, 2015, 9:00 PM

This will be the final evening update. A morning update will continue at 9:00 AM

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

Okanogan Complex

Size: 148,780 acres
Containment: 60 percent
Estimated Cost to Date: \$32.433 million
Injuries: 7
Residences Burned: 123
Total Personnel: 1,107
Committed Resources: 16 crews, 72 engines, 11 dozers, 21 water tenders, 9 helicopters

Chelan Complex

Size: 93,896 acres
Containment: 75 percent
Estimated Cost to Date: \$15.9 million
Injuries: 9
Residences Burned: 23
Total Personnel: 659
Committed Resources: 11 crews, 42 engines, 5 dozers, 14 water tenders

CURRENT FIRE SITUATION

Overcast skies and higher humidity helped with direct firefighting suppression efforts today. In general, the fire was minimally active with creeping and smoldering within containment lines.

OKANOGAN COMPLEX

Lime Belt Fire (132,838 acres, 55 percent contained): Good progress was accomplished today in securing and building containment lines in Sinlahekan Valley. On the west portion of the Lime Belt north of Buck Mountain an area has been prepared for firing operations to strengthen containment lines but may be suspended due to unfavorable weather conditions. Crews were successful in containing a smoke inside containment lines by the dam near Conconully. Work to improve containment lines continues along all control lines in the Lime Belt.

Twisp River Fire (11,222 acres, 98 percent contained) and Nine Mile Fire (4,720 acres, 98 percent contained):

Several small smokes were picked up inside containment lines by aircraft today. Heavy-equipment operators, under the guidance of resource advisors, continue to repair areas damaged by fire-suppression activities on the Twisp River Fire. The Nine Mile Fire will continue to be patrolled by air.

WEATHER

Some rain occurred over the fire today but not significant enough to make an impact on the fire. An influx of dry air will be moving into the area bringing some modest winds with a slight possibility of thunderstorm activity on Saturday.

CHELAN COMPLEX

Crews were successful in pushing control line around Hungry Mountain and Rainy Creek on the northern tip of the fire. In the area along Saint Luise Creek, steep rugged terrain continues to challenge firefighting efforts and since the terrain is so steep firefighters cannot directly attack the fire on the ground the best option is the use of air operations to hold the fire in check.

EVACUATIONS AND ROAD CLOSURES

- Okanogan County Emergency Operations Center provides information on evacuations and road closures: 509-422-7348, Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Okanogan.County.Emergency.Management>
- Washington State Department of Transportation provides additional information about road closures: www.wsdot.com/traffic/trafficalerts.

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