



Plumtaw Fire Update

Wednesday, June 1, 2022, 8:00 a.m.

Type 3 Incident Management Team

Ed LeBlanc, Incident Commander

Current Situation: Yesterday, the Plumtaw Fire showed little heat throughout the fireline perimeter. An engine found an interior hot spot late in the day and was able to add water to extinguish the heat. Interior hotspots have little chance of escaping the established fire perimeter because the fuel between the hotspot and fire edge has already burned.

On other parts of the fireline crews continued patrolling and backhauling unneeded supplies and equipment. Firefighters grid the fire, meaning they systematically examine the entire fire area for heat. If heat is identified, firefighters add water to put out the fire. Also, the Unaweep Wildland Fire Module continued collecting fire and fuels data through Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) technology.

Today's activities remain largely unchanged from the past several days with firefighters continuing patrols in the fire area. The Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) Team will begin assessing the fire area and create a report on burn severity. The report will be used to create a rehabilitation plan to protect the natural resources in the area. The Plumtaw Fire will transition back to the local unit tomorrow, June 2nd.

Weather and Fuel Conditions: Weather should be similar to yesterday. Temperatures will be in the mid-60s with humidity ranging from 17-22%, and winds out of the southwest at 10-20 mph. Fuels remain critically dry although no spread beyond the current 721-acre fire boundary is anticipated.

Closures and Advisories: The forest closures around the Plumtaw Fire have been lifted. Please use caution as hazard trees and firefighting equipment are still around the fire area.

A temporary flight restriction (TFRs) is in effect over the Plumtaw Fire. TFR violations can disrupt aerial firefighting operations and may fore fire managers to ground essential aircraft. Wildfire are a no-fly zone for unauthorized aircraft, including drones. **If you fly, we can't.**

<http://knowbeforeyoufly.org>

Stage 1 fire restrictions remain in place for the San Juan National Forest. There is also a closure area for the Plumtaw fire. See: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/sanjuan/alerts-notice>

<p>Plumtaw Fire Statistics: Size: 721 acres Containment: 77% Total Personnel: 96 Location: Pagosa Springs, CO Reported: May 17, 2022 Cause: Under investigation</p>	<p>For More Information: Public Information 970-422-2671 Public email: 2022.plumtaw@firenet.gov InciWeb: Plumtaw Fire Information - InciWeb the Incident Information System (nwcg.gov) Facebook: Plumtaw Fire - Home Facebook</p>
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