



Thor Fire Update

Containment: 0%	Cause: lightning	Size: approx. 70 acres	Location: east of Sullivan Lake	Fuels: Timber
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Newport, Wash., (August 17, 2022) —

Yesterday, the Thor Fire made short, terrain driven runs uphill in the afternoon as the inversion lifted. Higher temperatures later in the day led to increased fire activity which produced smoke that was visible in the area around Priest Lake as well as at Sullivan Lake. The fire moved southward, toward Roundtop Ridge, and displayed some short-range spotting across drainages during the afternoon. Fire activity slowed as it reached the ridgetop in the late afternoon.

Crews and heavy equipment continue to improve and hold line along established roads and natural barriers, using a full-suppression strategy for containment. The increased fire activity is within identified containment lines and is still working to benefit the forest by cleaning up the heavy dead and down timber litter in the area. Fire on the landscape is a natural occurrence and can contribute to forest health.

Effective immediately for public and firefighter safety NFS Road 2200300 – within Township 39N, Range 44E, section 25, beginning approximately 5 miles west on Sullivan Creek Rd and 5 miles east of Gypsy Meadows will be closed to public use. <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/colville/alerts-notice>

For an interactive air quality map and predicted smoke conditions, visit <https://fire.airnow.gov/>.

For any additional questions about the Thor Fire, please contact Public Information Officer Liv Stecker (509) 720-7418. For the most current updates about the Colville National Forest, please follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/colvillenf/> and Twitter at https://twitter.com/Colville_NF.



Thor Fire Lookout on 08.16.22 at 2:30 PM photo: Chris DiRienz