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North Cascades National Park Service Complex News Release

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Additional Trail and Camp Closures for Chilliwack Complex

Sedro Woolley, WA – Four lightning-caused fires remain active across North Cascades National Park Service Complex. The fires are in remote areas of the Stephen Mather Wilderness. Three fires (North Fork, Little Chill, and Copper Lake) are in proximity to the Copper Loop Trail system and one (Brush Creek Fire) is near the Brush Creek Trail in the Whatcom Pass area. The Chilliwack Complex is estimated at 3,700 acres.

Additional trail and camp closures due to fire activity include the portion of Little Beaver Trail between Stillwell and Perry Creek camps, the portion of Big Beaver Trail between Stillwell and Luna camps, and Beaver Pass Camp. All other trail and camp closures remain in effect. Firefighters are working in the Copper Lookout and adjacent areas protecting park infrastructure with protective fire wrap, hose lay, and sprinklers.

In a joint delegation with the U.S. Forest Service, a National Incident Management Organization (NIMO) Team 2 will assume command over the four fires known as the Chilliwack Complex, located within the North Cascades National Park Service Complex, as well as five additional fires, located on the adjacent Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest today, Tuesday, September 6.

A trough passage predicted for Wednesday could bring increased winds and low humidity to the area which may see increased fire behavior.

Smoke from fires in the park may be visible. With active fires across the region, a haze over the general area is to be expected over the coming days. Take precautions when recreating outdoors when heavy smoke is present. Learn more at <u>Real-Time Air Quality Map | PurpleAir</u>, <u>airnow.gov</u> or visit <u>https://wasmoke.blogspot.com/</u>.

Visitors with backcountry reservations into the closure area should be aware that permits are cancelled on a rolling basis based on fire activity and conditions. Cancellation notifications and refunds are through the recreation.gov system.

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