



Forest Service News Release

Very High Fire Danger on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest,

and will likely worsen over the weekend!

EVERETT, Wash., September 09, 2022 – The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest has been experiencing increasingly dry conditions throughout the summer. Consistently high temperatures and low precipitation moved most of the forest into a ‘very high’ fire danger category. With more high temperatures and increased wind forecasted for the weekend, US Forest Service officials are warning visitors of abnormally high fire danger potential within the forest.

These dry conditions have already influenced the start and growth of multiple ongoing wildfires, as well as numerous others which were previously contained. To aid firefighters in their current efforts, officials are asking visitors to use caution when visiting the forest. “In Western Washington, we don’t frequently experience extreme fire weather conditions,” said Kit Moffitt, Deputy Fire Staff Officer. “With the most significant Red Flag Warning event of the year forecasted for this weekend, we need everyone to be as careful as possible.”

Moderate to strong east winds are predicted on Friday continuing through Saturday. These winds will impact the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, along with most of the Cascades. Combined with low humidity and hot temperatures, conditions have turned the forest into a virtual tinderbox; primed for not only new fire starts, but also significant growth on wildfires which are currently burning. Firefighting resources and staff are already limited, which is why it is extremely important to keep the following in mind:

- Remember that fireworks are prohibited on federal public lands.
- If smoking, always dispose of cigarette debris in some type of an ashtray.
- Know that conditions may change quickly.
- Adhere to local fire restrictions.
- Monitor the Mt. Baker – Snoqualmie National Forest’s [conditions page](#) to ensure there are no current fire closures.
- Monitor the Mt. Baker – Snoqualmie National Forest’s [website](#) and follow [social media](#) pages for current fire updates.
- If you do have a campfire, never leave it unattended. Ensure campfires are completely out before leaving the camping area. For tips on how to properly extinguish a campfire, please [click here](#).

Every human-caused wildfire has the potential to impact lives and property. Everyone is responsible for preventing unwanted human-caused ignitions, so be safe this weekend and have fun visiting your national forest!

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