

Suiattle River Fire Update – Tuesday, September 6, 2022 Incident Management Team 3 Idaho Team 1



Discovered: 08/30 (Suiattle River); 08/24 (Boulder); 08/25 (Toketie)

Cause: Lightning Containment: 0%

Suiattle River Fire. 47 acres Boulder Lake Fire: 617 acres Lake Toketie Fire: 457 acres Total Personnel: 65 Resources on the Fire

3 Engines 1 Crew 1 Helicopter

Overview: Over the past few days, precipitation and increased humidity helped dampen fire activity on the Suiattle River Fire and on Boulder Lake and Lake Toketie Fires to the east. Today, more active fire behavior is expected due to hot, dry, and windy conditions, and a red flag warning will be in effect from 1 pm to midnight.

Yesterday, crews scouted along roads and looked for natural features that could serve as potential containment line on the Suiattle River and Boulder Lake Fires. Firefighters continued worked along the Suiattle River Road (Forest Road 26), removing dead limbs and trees from along the north side of the road. Additional heavy equipment has been ordered to aid in this effort. Fire personnel will continue to implement the previously established containment strategy, scouting and strengthening containment options. The emphasis is on confining the fire north of Forest Suiattle River Road, east of Grade Creek Road and west of the Buck Creek drainage.

Acreage estimates for Suiattle River Fire and Boulder Lake Fire have been adjusted downwards due to the availability of improved mapping capability.

A community meeting to provide information on the fire is being planned for Thursday evening in Darrington. More information will be available.

Evacuations: No changes have been made to the Level 1 "Be Ready" Evacuation Notice in place for the Lower Suiattle Valley, north of the Suiattle River.

Closures: The Suiattle River Road (Forest Road 26) remains closed at the 10.5 mile marker. Forest Road 25 is not closed. Buck Creek Campground and multiple trails in the area remain closed: Boulder Lake; Huckleberry Mountain; Buck Creek, Green Mountain; Downey Creek; Suiattle; Sulphur Creek; Sulphur Mountain.

Smoke: Air quality in the Darrington remains normal. More information at: wasmoke.blogspot.com/

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