



Suiattle River Fire Update – Thursday, September 8, 2022
Incident Management Team 3
Idaho Team 1



Discovered: 08/30 (Suiattle River);
08/24 (Boulder); 08/25 (Toketie)
Cause: Lightning
Confinement Strategy

Suiattle River Fire: 70 acres
Boulder Lake Fire: 655 acres
Lake Toketie Fire: 465 acres
Total Personnel: 75

Resources on the Fire
5 Engines
2 Crews
1 Helicopter

Community Meeting: Today the Incident Management Team and involved local agencies will host a community meeting from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Darrington Community Center in Darrington, WA, to provide information about the Suiattle River Fire.

Weather: A change in weather is predicted today to warmer, dryer, and windier conditions. A Red Flag Warning is in effect Friday through Sunday evening for wind and low relative humidity. This will have the potential to increase fire activity.

Overview: Firefighters are actively conducting suppression efforts that include fuels reduction and snagging along identified confinement lines (removing limbs and trees to increase space between ignitable woody vegetation). They completed snagging 4.5 miles of Suiattle River Road (Forest Road 26) from the forest boundary eastward towards Buck Creek. Today, crews will turn their focus to snagging in the other direction along the paved portions of Suiattle River Road to the west. A masticator is expected to arrive today and begin work along Suiattle River Road to assist with crew operations.

Firefighters have assessed risk to structures and important historic and cultural resources and are actively reducing fuels and determining other methods to protect them. Fire personnel scouted potential confinement options to the northwest of the Suiattle River Road and developed a plan to improve roads in that area.

A K-Max helicopter is assigned to the Suiattle River Fire. A K-Max is a single pilot craft capable of hauling 700 gallons of water.

An infrared (I.R.) mapping flight was successfully conducted overnight and confirmed the Suiattle River Fire to be 70 acres.

Evacuations: The Level 1 "Be Ready" Evacuation Notice remains in place for the Lower Suiattle Valley, north of the Suiattle River.

Closures: As of September 8, 2:00 P.M., no additional closures have been implemented although, as crews work to improve confinement lines, an expansion of the closure may be needed for safe operations along the road system. The Suiattle River Road 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: Smoke from fires in the Cascade Mountains is expected to impact air quality in Western Washington on Friday. More information at: wasmoke.blogspot.com/

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