



Forest Service News Release

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Situation remains stable on the Suiattle River Fire and other lighting-caused fires

Everett, WA, Sept. 4, 2022—

Idaho Team 1, a Type 3 Incident Management Team, took over management of the Fire from local fire personnel today. The latest reported acreages for the fires are 15 acres (Suiattle River), 400 (Boulder Lake), and 90 (Lake Toketie). The Boulder Lake Fire experienced significant growth on Friday, producing a large, visible column of smoke, but fire activity has lessened considerably in the last two days. Cooler, more humid weather and a small amount of precipitation is expected this week and should help keep the fires in check.

Fire personnel will assess available options for establishing and improving indirect containment line for the Suiattle River Fire. Structures in the area will also be assessed for protection. The objective is to keep the Suiattle River Fire inside a containment “box” north of the Suiattle River Road, east of Grade Creek Road, and west of the Buck Creek drainage. Very steep slopes make it dangerous for fire crews on the ground to fight the fire directly, so the air support strategy of the last few days will continue, with bucket drops and reconnaissance work. The pilots have been refueling and flying out of the Darrington Airport.

There are no changes to the road, campground and trail closures or the Level 1 “Be Ready” evacuation recommendation for the Lower Suiattle River Valley north of the Suiattle River.

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

Closures: The Suiattle River Road (Forest Road 26) remains closed at the 10.5 mile marker, along with Buck Creek Campground and multiple trails in the area: Boulder Lake; Huckleberry Mountain; Buck Creek, Green Mountain; Downey Creek; Suiattle; Sulphur Creek; Sulphur Mountain. The closure order map is posted at: www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/mbs/alerts-notice.

Smoke: Air quality in the Darrington area has returned to normal. More information at: wasmoke.blogspot.com/

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