



Mt Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest

Forest Service News Release

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Helicopter support continues on the Suiattle River after an active fire day

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Low humidity drove active fire behavior yesterday on the Suiattle River Fire, which grew to 15 acres, and the Boulder Lake Fire, which grew by about 300 acres and is now estimated at 400 acres. The last reported acreage for Lake Toketie Fire is 90 acres. Cooler weather and higher humidity levels are expected to help mitigate fire activity over the next several days.

Yesterday, Skagit County issued a Level 1 “Be Ready” evacuation recommendation for the Lower Suiattle River Valley, north of the Suiattle River – an area which is sparsely populated. A Level 1 evacuation recommendation means that those in the area should be aware that there is a current wildfire threat and consider planning and/or packing, should an evacuation become necessary. All previous fire closures remain in place.

The heavy (Type 1) helicopter which has provided air support on the Suiattle River Fire for the past three days will continue to make bucket drops today. A light (Type 3) Helicopter is also now available for fire reconnaissance support. Fire managers’ objective is to confine the fire north of the Suiattle River Road and east of Forest Road 2640 (Grade Creek Road). Additional fire crews have been requested, but are not yet available due to national fire activity. A Type 3 Incident Management Team arrived today to take over management of fire suppression efforts.

Evacuations: A Level 1 “Be Ready” Evacuation Notice issued 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-notices.

Smoke: The area is experiencing an improvement in air quality. More information at: wasmoke.blogspot.com/

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