



## Suiattle River Fire Update – Saturday, September 10, 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:** 66 acres  
**Boulder Lake Fire:** 654 acres  
**Lake Toketie Fire:** 464 acres  
**Total Personnel:** 81

**Resources on the Fire**  
5 Engines  
2 Crews

**Weather:** A Red Flag Warning is in effect. Mild to moderate breezes and wind gusts are expected with low relative humidity and temperatures near 85 degrees. These conditions have the potential to increase fire activity. The Incident Management Team and firefighters in the field are continuously monitoring the weather and changes in fire behavior.

**Overview:** Firefighters reported single tree torching and increased fire activity during the night. No significant growth was reported, however, a new infrared (IR) map is not available. Crews are working to improve roads to the northwest of the Suiattle River Road. Firefighters completed the intensive work snagging an additional 3.5 (approximate) miles of Suiattle River Road (Forest Road 26) and, in total, they have snagged approximately 9 miles of Suiattle River Road. Snagging operations will continue today. A masticator and a mower began brush clearing along Suiattle River Road.

Firefighters are actively reducing fuels and implementing appropriate and approved protection measures for structures and sites of historical and cultural significance.

Poor visibility prevented helicopter bucket drops on the Suiattle River Fire yesterday, and smoke in the local area put the helicopter at risk of being grounded due to poor visibility. It was moved to another location to ensure it remains a viable resource to firefighting efforts.

Imaging equipment was stationed to remotely view the Suiattle River Fire area and assist firefighters monitoring fire behavior. The expertise of firefighters in the field is invaluable and remote imaging equipment is another important tool they use.

**Evacuations:** Skagit County Emergency Services Level 1 “Be Ready” Evacuation Notice for the Lower Suiattle Valley, north of the Suiattle River remains in affect.

**Closures:** A new Forest Closure Order has been issued. Please carefully review the roads, sites, and area that are closed due to fire or firefighting activities.

**Smoke:** Puget Sound Clean Air Agency issued an air quality alert that includes the Darrington, WA, area from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. More information at: [wasmoke.blogspot.com/](http://wasmoke.blogspot.com/)

**Fire Information Phone:** 503-307-7002

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**Inciweb:** <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8396/>

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