



Boulder Mountain Fire

Daily Update



Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Boulder Mountain Fire Information 509-508-3389 (8am-8pm) | 2022.bouldermountain@firenet.gov

Summary: The Boulder Mountain Fire was detected on Wednesday August 31st, 2022, at approximately 6:00 pm. The fire is located in the Tacoma Creek and Boulder Mountain area, 9 miles Northwest of Cusick, Washington. A mix of State, Federal and Private land is impacted. The terrain is difficult, and the fire is burning in heavy timber, slash, and beetle infested trees. Cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Weather | Anticipated Fire Behavior: Smoke continues to blanket most of Washington and Oregon from the numerous fires in the region. Air quality will once again be in the unhealthy range. Rain is possible for the afternoon with a chance of thunderstorms in the evening. While rain is always welcome, it will provide only a temporary relief to fire behavior until a significant event occurs due to the dry heavy fuels. A wind shift from the southwest has the potential to reduce the potential for spotting on the southern edge of the fire.

Actions: Firefighters continue to make good progress on the northern and eastern sides of the fire and containment is now at 34%. A benchmark was reached yesterday with control lines now encircling the entire fire area, crews will continue to penetrate deeper into the burn area to target hot spots. Current control lines are a mix of both dozer and hand lines. Crews continue to expand and improve lines daily. Yesterday, wind from the north and very dry fuels kept resources quite busy on the southern edge. Spot fires were persistent throughout the day. Despite not having aviation support, due to poor visibility, crews were able to respond and stay on top of most of the fire spread. Lines around the rest of the fire are holding well.

Quick Facts	
Fire Location	9 miles NW of Cusick, WA in Tacoma Creek and Boulder Mtn.
Size	2,175 acres
Containment	34%
Start Date	8/31/22
Cause	Under Investigation
Incident Commander	Mike Johnston, Great Basin Type 2 Incident Management Team #7
Personnel	542
Online Links	
InciWeb:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8382/ 	
Facebook:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> @NeWFireInfo 	
Washington State Department of Natural Resources:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> www.dnr.wa.gov/wildfires 	
Colville National Forest	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> www.fs.usda.gov/colville 	
Air Quality Informational	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.airnow.gov/ 	

Important Information: Expect poor air quality today. For current air quality readings, check <https://www.airnow.gov/>. AirNow recommends everyone reduce prolonged or heavy exertion and take more breaks during outdoor activities. Sensitive groups should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion and consider moving activities indoors or rescheduling. For a look at the fire and smoke map, visit <https://fire.airnow.gov/>.



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