

FIRE UPDATE

Sunday, Sept. 18



Incident Commander Brian Gales

Eric Riener, IC Trainee

Fire size: 2,305	Start date: Aug. 31, 2022	https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8382/
Containment: 74%	Cause: Undetermined	https://www.facebook.com/newfireinfo
Resources assigned: 404	Fire info: 509-508-3389	https://www.fs.usda.gov/colville
Air quality information: https://www.airnow.gov/		https://www.dnr.wa.gov/wildfires

Boulder Mountain Fire

CUSICK, Wash. –Northwest Incident Management Team 13, a Type 2 team under Brian Gales, assumed command of the Boulder Mountain Fire this morning.

“We want to thank Great Basin Team 7 for the excellent work they’ve done, which our team will be building upon,” said Eric Riener, incident commander trainee for NW13.

Recently, the fire has been most active on the south end of the fire footprint. Crews will continue to develop operational plans for perimeter containment.

Hose lays on the northeast corner are being removed except where hot spots remain. Hazard trees have been decked and are being removed as well. Suppression repair work has begun and will be a primary focus going forward for NW13.

Suppression repair is a series of post-fire actions taken to obscure containment lines and minimize potential soil erosion.

The southeast corner of the fire is fully contained. Crews are monitoring and mopping up to a depth of 150 feet from the contained line, while removing hose and beginning suppression repair.

Pockets of unburnt vegetation will continue to be consumed within the interior of the fire perimeter, likely until a season ending weather event occurs.

Forecasted warmer temperatures continue to dry out finer fuels, such as leaves, needles and grasses, which might increase fire activity in previously unburned areas within the fire perimeter.

Safety: Watch for slower-moving traffic, including heavy equipment and firefighters on foot, in and around the fire zone and the incident command post in Cusick.

Closures: An area closure remains in place for the Boulder Mountain Fire on the Colville National Forest. For a map and complete description of the closure area, including a list of trails and roads, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/colville/alerts-notice>. Violations of this order are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both.