

FIRE UPDATE

Monday, Sept. 19



Incident Commander, Brian Gales

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Fire size: 2,510	Start date: Aug. 31, 2022
Containment: 74%	Cause: Undetermined
Resources assigned: 414	Fire info: 509-508-3389

Boulder Mountain Fire

CUSICK, Wash. – Full suppression fire tactics are being utilized to keep fire activity away from Tacoma Creek Road, east of Little Pend Oreille Wildlife Refuge, and north of Calispell Peak and North Fork Tacoma Creek.

Tacoma Creek is critical habitat for Bull trout, which are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. Firefighters use screened intake valves to mitigate adverse effects to resources resulting from fire suppression activities. Reducing erosion in and around critical river habitat, hand crews use water bars spaced out along control lines. Riparian zones, lands along river edges, return to normality as disturbed areas from suppression activities are blended to fit the natural contours of the land.

On the north end of the perimeter, pockets of fire activity remain in areas of heavy fuel and rugged terrain. Firefighters are focusing their efforts on these areas as other flanks of the fire are put into control status. Personnel continue to pull hose off the line where there is perimeter containment in order to complete rehabilitation of suppression actions.

Forecasted weather in the fire area will see a cold front bring increased gusts upwards of 18 miles per hour. Cool temperatures assist firefighters in slowing fire progression and aid in containment.

Safety: Safety of firefighters and members of the public are our first priority. All hunters are encouraged to become familiarized with the USFS closure area, don personal protective equipment and practice safe hunting practices as forest grouse season gets under way.

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>.

<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8382/>

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<https://www.fs.usda.gov/colville>

<https://www.dnr.wa.gov/wildfires>

Air quality information: <https://www.airnow.gov/>