



Bolt Creek Fire

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9 AM, September 22, 2022

Estimated size: 10,519 acres

Completed: 96%

Start Date/Time: 9/10/2022 at 5:15 am

Area of Origin: King Co., North of Skykomish

Cause: Undetermined

Structures Damaged: one out-building

**Management of fire: Western Washington Incident Management Team 3
Kent Stanford, Incident Commander.**

Road Closures:

The Washington Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) geotechnical team was on site along the Highway 2 corridor felling fire weakened trees and clearing debris throughout the day. The assessment has been completed and they currently plan to open Highway 2 on Monday. Please check <https://wsdot.com/travel/real-time/alerts/road/002> for the most current information.

Impacts are ongoing in communities adjacent to the fire. Highway 2 remains closed just east of Index Galena Road near Sunset Falls (MP 36), to the junction of 5th St. N into the town of Skykomish (MP 49). Local highway access is permitted for **residents with identification** from the west closure at Index-Galena Road to the Money Creek tunnel. Highway 2 from the west end of Money Creek Tunnel to 5th Street in Skykomish will remain closed to all.

We ask residents to please stay close to their own property and be mindful of the fire crews working along the highway. Please follow posted speed limits.

Update:

As anticipated, weather conditions led to increased fire activity on Wednesday. On the south side of the fire flames and smoke could be seen. These spot fires were started by roll outs, however the fire moved upslope and back to the main body of the fire. The spot fires remain within the containment lines and firefighters are closely monitoring. Due to the increased activity, night crews will be monitoring and patrolling for the next several days.

Today's weather will be mostly sunny with light winds west 5-10 MPH. Relative humidity's will remain in the mid 50's with maximum temps around 65 degrees.

Smoke: Increased smoke production is anticipated. Current information on air quality may be found at Washington Smoke Blog at <https://wasmoke.blogspot.com/>

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Evacuation Levels: Current Evacuation levels:

- Level 1 (Ready): Index – continues.
- No other evacuation guidance for occupied areas of Snohomish County.
- Level 2 (Set): Baring and Grotto and area along U.S. 2 east to the Money Creek tunnel. Continues.
- Level 3 (Go): From west side of Money Creek tunnel to milepost 48, plus FS Road 65 (Beckler River Road).
- Skykomish remains at Level 1 (Ready).

Please understand that while fire activity has slowed, the area remains hazardous.

Current Evacuation and road closures information can be found at: <https://snohomish-county-public-safety-hub-snocogis.hub.arcgis.com/pages/wildfire>

Conditions could change quickly, and evacuations may again become necessary.

Forest Closure: The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest has implemented an Emergency Closure on National Forest System lands. Roads, trails, and campgrounds are closed. To read the closure in its entirety, please see: [MBSNF Bolt Creek Fire Closure](#)

Resources: 146 personnel – 1-type 2 initial attack hand crew, 2 hand crews, 9-engines, and 71 overhead.

A burn ban is in effect until significant rain is received. Please refrain from burning. Remember, “Be Aware of Smoke in the Air, and on the Road.”

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