



Bolt Creek Fire

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9 AM, September 23, 2022

Estimated size: 10,519 acres

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:

Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has completed felling operations along the Highway 2 corridor and currently plan to open the highway on Monday. We want to remind the public that firefighters are still operating along the side of the road. Please follow all posted speed limits and expect delays. For the most current information about the highway closure, please check <https://wsdot.com/travel/real-time/alerts/road/002>.

At this time, 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 remains closed to all.

Update:

Activity continues to be moderate on the east side of the fire near Skykomish. Firefighting tactics include monitoring for rollout and fire backing down steep hillsides to areas that are more accessible for firefighting operations. Crews are monitoring firelines and prepping structures to protect against rollout debris. The west side of the fire is backing down the mountain and working its way toward containment lines. Large fuels continue to burn and smolder within the control perimeter, making it more visible at night. A night shift patrol is in place to monitor this activity.

Today's weather will be partly sunny with light winds west 5-6 MPH. Relative humidity's will remain in the mid 60's with maximum temps around 65 degrees.

September 23, 2022 Morning operations briefing: <https://youtu.be/GSGcbpO5nZQ>

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

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-snoco-gis.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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