



**Western Washington
Incident Management Team 3**

Bolt Creek Fire

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9 AM, September 24, 2022

Estimated size: 10,599 acre Cause: Undetermined Resources: 145 personnel – 1-type 2 initial attack hand crew, 2 hand crews, 9-engines, and 71 overhead.

US 2 Open at reduced speed:

Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) opened US 2 today at 10:00 AM. Firefighters are still working along the roadside where necessary. Use caution through the fire area, expect occasional smoke across the road and possibly flames on the hillside Turn on headlights and proceed slowly without stopping.

Update:

A strike team of engines is working night shift to patrol, monitor and take appropriate actions if necessary. The most active accessible area is on the east end of the fire near Skykomish. The fire is slowly growing as it creeps to the north and south along FS 6510 road toward US 2. Drier small fuels and scattered log piles left from powerline clearing and construction continue to burn. Structures north of US 2 in the fire area will continue to be prepped. Clearing of debris to create a defensible space around homes has been completed. Hose lays and sprinklers are being installed. The west side of the fire is backing down the mountain and working its way toward control lines. Large fuels will continue to burn and smolder within the control perimeter, making them more visible at night.

The forecast of warmer and dryer conditions, over the next 3 days, may make the fire more active inside the control lines. No critical winds are expected. Crews are poised and ready to face any changing fire behavior.

Today's weather will be mostly sunny with a high of 72, relative humidity 50% with light winds WSW 4-8 MPH. Poor overnight recovery of moisture at 70% and 57 degrees is expected. Sunday will continue a warming trend with temps in the 80's and humidity's in the mid 30's.

September 24, 2022 Morning operations briefing: https://youtu.be/z-F_rLCNeVE

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:

- Index and Skykomish-**Level 1 (Ready)**
 - Baring and Grotto and area along U.S. 2 east to the Money Creek tunnel-**Level 2 (Set)**
 - West side of Money Creek to milepost 48, plus FS Road 65 (Beckler River Road).-**Level 3 (Go)**
- *Levels subject to change as conditions change.

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](#)

A burn ban is in effect until significant rain is received. Please refrain from burning.

Don't Step in the Road or You May be Flat as a Toad.