



Bolt Creek Fire Update

September 30, 2022

Western Washington Incident Management Team 3

Incident Commander: Kent Stanford

Estimated size: 12,070 acres

Cause: Undetermined

Resources: 175 personnel – One hotshot crew, two type-2 initial attack hand crews, two hand crews, one helicopter, 13 engines, one dozer, one water tender and 78 overhead.

US 2 Has Reopened: US 2 has reopened from mile marker 46-49. Crews are still working in the area so please drive at the posted reduced speeds through the fire area.

Fire Update: Fire resources, utility crews and WSDOT finalized work along the US 2 closure area on Thursday and the road was reopened on Thursday evening. Two days of moderated fire conditions contributed to mostly minimal fire spread from Wednesday through Thursday night, though the fire has continued to burn up to containment lines on the west, south and east edges of the fire. Very few pockets of unburned vegetation remain along the road, and most of the fire's continued spread will be to the north and into the Wild Sky Wilderness area. Humidities will remain relatively high through the next week of sunny weather, which should help to moderate future fire spread. Fire resources will continue to monitor and reinforce firelines today and through the weekend.

A BAER (Burned Area Emergency Response) Team will also continue their watershed assessments in the fire area over the weekend. For more information on the BAER Team's ongoing assessment of the fire area, including identifying any potential values at risk of potential post-fire flooding and deciding what emergency stabilization measures to take, check out their Inciweb page: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8429/>

Weather: Mostly cloudy in the morning transitioning to sunny in the afternoon. Temperatures in the 60s on ridges and 70s-80s in valleys, with 38-58 percent humidity expected. Winds will be light from the northeast this morning and shift to the northwest in the afternoon.

September 30, 2022 Morning operations briefing: https://youtu.be/_sPT_jobOyA

EVACUATION LEVEL CHANGES: Due to the current reduction in fire danger, all evacuation levels are at Level 1 (Ready). This still means residents should be ready to evacuate if conditions change.

- Level 1 (Ready): Index – No change.
- Level 1 (Ready): South of U.S. 2 near Index, including Index Estates and the Lake Serene Trailhead. No change.
- No other evacuation guidance for occupied areas of Snohomish County.
- Level 1 (Ready): Baring and Grotto and areas along U.S. 2 east to the Money Creek tunnel. Was Level 2 (Set).
- Level 1 (Ready): From west side of Money Creek tunnel to milepost 48, plus FS Road 65 (Beckler River Road). Was Level 3 (Go).
- Level 1 (Ready): Skykomish – Was Level 2 (Set).
- Level 1 (Ready): East of Skykomish, from the Beckler River to Forest Service Road 66, north and south of U.S. 2 including Foss River Road. No change.

Residents in the area should remain vigilant. Conditions could change quickly, and evacuations may again become necessary.

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

Forest Closure: The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest has implemented an Emergency Closure on National Forest lands. Roads, trails, and campgrounds are closed. To read the closure in its entirety, please see: [MBSNF Bolt Creek Fire Closure](#). A burn ban remains in effect until significant rain is received. Please refrain from burning.

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