



Bolt Creek Fire Update

October 2, 2022

Western Washington Incident Management Team 3

Incident Commander: Kent Stanford

Estimated size: 12,142 acres

Cause: Under investigation

Containment: 28 percent

Resources: 152 personnel – One type-2 initial attack hand crews, two hand crews, 15 engines, one dozer, two water tenders and 79 overhead.

US 2 Is Open: US 2 is now open 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: Warmer and drier conditions than previous days contributed to elevated fire behavior on Saturday, primarily in the area north of Eagle Rock. Containment lines elsewhere on the fire—namely, along US 2 and near structures—continue to hold well. While the fire will continue to produce smoke as it burns to the north into Wild Sky Wilderness, firefighters remain engaged along containment lines to ensure that the fire stays in its footprint on its southern edge, as well as the southwest and southeast corners.

While suppression activities are still ongoing to build containment, suppression repair activities have started in some areas of the fire that have seen little fire activity in recent days. These activities include chipping vegetation, repairing hand and dozer lines and other measures that help mitigate potential erosion.

In addition to suppression repair activities, the BAER (Burned Area Emergency Response) Team will continue their watershed assessments in the fire area into early next week. 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: Sunny with increasing smoke. A prolonged period of nearly-record high temperatures continues through the end of this coming week. Highs today will be 68-74 on ridges and upper slopes and 81-86 in valleys. Humidity will be lower than previously forecasted at 25 to 40 percent. Winds will be light, 3-6 mph from the east and becoming west in the afternoon.

October 2, 2022 morning operations briefing: <https://youtu.be/p8oWbpj4IJA>

Evacuation guidance for this fire is no longer in place for residents in both Snohomish and King counties.

Due to the current reduction in fire danger, all previous evacuation orders have been lifted as of 8 a.m. this morning.

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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