



Bolt Creek Fire Update

October 3, 2022

Western Washington Incident Management Team 3

Incident Commander: Ty Crowe

Estimated size: 12,486 acres

Cause: Human; Under investigation

Containment: 36 percent

Resources: 151 personnel – One type-2 initial attack hand crews, two hand crews, 15 engines, one dozer, two water tenders and 78 overhead.

US 2 Is Open: At this time, US 2 is open throughout the fire area. However, periodic flare-ups or material rolling near the road may – for public safety considerations – force temporary short closures or reroutes. Additionally, crews are still working throughout the area so please drive at the posted reduced speeds through the fire area.

Fire Update: Warmer and drier conditions continued yesterday and contributed to elevated fire behavior, again 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 as the consumption strategy is allowed to continue. 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 increase containment, repair of damage caused by suppression activities has 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 will help to mitigate potential future erosion.

In addition to suppression repair activities, the BAER (Burned Area Emergency Response) Team will continue 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: Monday and Tuesday will largely be repeats of Sunday with sunny weather, reduced humidity and increasing smoke. A prolonged period of nearly-record high temperatures continues through the end of this coming week. Highs will be around 70 on ridges and upper slopes and in the lower- to mid-80s in valleys. Humidity will be lower than previously forecasted at 25 to 35 percent. Winds will be light from the east during the morning, becoming westerly in the afternoon.

October 3, 2022 morning operations briefing: <https://fb.watch/fWJ8aIqVvy/>

Evacuation guidance: Due to the current reduction in fire danger, all previous evacuation orders have been lifted.

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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