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Crater Creek Fire Information
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Crater Creek Fire For Immediate Release - August 21, 2023

Colville, WA: The fire is burning in remote and rugged terrain with poor access, it is not currently threatening critical infrastructure or municipal watershed integrity. A confine/contain suppression strategy is being implemented, including the improvement of old dozer line and fuel breaks from past fires. Clearing and chipping operations on the FS 39 Road are continuing today, boosting the strength of the southern containment line. Scouting and indirect line building missions are being conducted on the eastern side of the containment area to aid along the eastern perimeter. Acreage is less than previously estimated due to more accurate mapping.

Firefighter and public safety are the highest priorities. Please check up to date road closure information on the websites below. Communication with British Columbia fire officials is ongoing.

Weather: The high today is 66 degrees with a minimum humidity of 24 percent. A low-pressure system dropping off the Washington coast will draw moisture from remnants of Hurricane Hilary late afternoon and tonight. As a result, an increased chance of showers and thunderstorms, along with high humidity recovery, is expected. Winds will be out of the southwest, with gusts up to 25 mph.

Closures: Closure Orders have been issued by the US Forest Service, BLM, and DNR.

USFS: Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest and the Colville National Forest for the following campgrounds, roads, and trails:

Developed Campgrounds Closed

Long Swamp Campground, 14 Mile Campground

Roads Closed

FSR 3900100, 110, 105, FSR 3900395, FSR 3900415, FSR 3900500 (Iron Gate), 502, 505, 510, 515

Trails Closed

Trail No. 340 Long Draw, Trail No. 341 Deer Park, Trail No. 342 Windy Peak, Trail No. 343 Clutch Peak, Trail No. 360 Basin Creek, Trail No. 362 Windy Peak, Trail No. 375 Albert Camp, Trail No. 387 Middle Fork, Trail No. 505 Coleman Ridge from junction with Trail No. 561 north to junction with Trail No. 510, Trail No. 510 Chewuch from junction with 510A Cathedral Driveway north to junction with Trail No. 565 Lesamiz, Trail No. 533 Boundary Trail (Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail) from the junction of the lower Cathedral Lake Trail No. 545 junction east to the Forest Service boundary with the Loomis State Forest, Trail No. 533.2 Smith Lake, Trail No. 534 Tungsten Creek, Trail No. 561 Fire Creek

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/colville/alerts-notices> or <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/okawen/alerts-notices>

WA DNR: The WA Department of Natural Resources has closed the northern block of the Loomis NRCA. This closure includes the Disappointment Trailhead, as well as Cold Springs Campground, Cold Springs Overlook, and Chopaka Lake Campground. The Cold Springs Road is closed 6 miles past the intersection with Toats Coulee Road, and the Fourteen Mile Road is closed 1 mile past the intersection with Toats Coulee Road. <https://www.dnr.wa.gov/LoomisLoupLoup>

BLM: The Chopaka Lake Campground is closed until further notice.

More information can be found on InciWeb:

<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/wanes-crater-creek-fire>

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Quick Facts

Approximate Size	4,875 acres
Containment	0%
Total Personnel	120
Fire Danger	Very High
Structures Lost	Primary – 0 Secondary - 0
Cause	Lightning/Natural

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