



Crater Creek Fire For Immediate Release - August 22, 2023

Tonasket, 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. Forest Service recreation values are being assessed and mapped for protection, including the 14 Mile Recreation Site. Crews are working on opening shoulders of the Crazy Cow Creek Rd to improve access to the eastern containment lines. Clearing and chipping operations on the FS 39 Road continue, as well as the scouting and establishing of indirect line on the eastern side of the containment area. 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: Forecast is based on an elevation range of 6000 to 7500 feet. The high today is 62 degrees with a minimum humidity of 55 percent. Winds have the potential to gust 35 mph this afternoon and evening. Remnants of Hurricane Hilary will interact with an approaching low-pressure system from the Pacific, bring increased chances of showers and thunderstorms throughout the next few days. Temperatures will rebound Friday and into the weekend with highs in the 70s.

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	4,942 acres
Containment	0%
Total Personnel	196
Fire Danger	Very High
Structures Lost	Primary – 0 Secondary - 0
Cause	Lightning/Natural

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