



## Crater Creek Fire For Immediate Release - August 25, 2023

**Tonasket, WA:** Missions are underway to dig direct line near the border that will be anchored between the Snowy Mountain Fire and Newby Lake Fire scars. Crews are working to improve pre-existing fireline that connects Hurley Peak west to the Fourteen Mile Road. Fire behavior continues to be mild. An IR flight was conducted yesterday, which helped validate the fire perimeter, and provided fire managers a better idea of where hotspots are located. Work from previous operational periods continue, including the assessment of recreation values and the opening of shoulders on the Crazy Cow Creek Rd to improve access to the eastern containment lines.

Please check up to date road closure information on the websites below, be considerate of these areas for not only public safety but also the safety of the firefighters and machinery. Daily 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 56 degrees with a minimum humidity of 53 percent. Winds will be dominated by the terrain and have the potential to gust up to 15 mph on ridgetops. Wind direction will dominantly be to the south, becoming southwest in the evening.

**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	5,055 acres
Containment	0%
Total Personnel	221
Fire Danger	Very High
Structures Lost	Primary – 0 Secondary - 0
Cause	Lightning/Natural

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