



Crater Creek Fire For Immediate Release - August 26, 2023

Tonasket, WA: Updates will begin to be published less frequently unless significant events occur. Fire behavior continues to be mild. Work from previous operational periods continue. Direct line missions near the border that anchor between the Snowy Mountain Fire and Newby Lake Fire scars are expected to be complete by the end of the day. Crews are working to improve pre-existing fireline that connects Hurley Peak west to the Fourteen Mile Road. The Crazy Cow Creek Road improvements are complete, establishing access to the eastern containment lines. Crews chipping and clearing on the FS 39 Road are making good progress and expect to be done within the next few days.

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 66 degrees with a minimum humidity of 35 percent. Winds will be light, terrain driven, and will briefly switch to the north overnight before returning to the south by Sunday morning. A ridge pattern will build throughout the weekend, leading to warmer temperatures.

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

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	5%
Total Personnel	222
Fire Danger	Very High
Structures Lost	Primary – 0 Secondary – 0
Cause	Lightning/Natural

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