

Sourdough Fire

Daily Update

Friday, August 4, 2023



The Sourdough Fire is being managed by the Southern Area Gray Incident Management Team. Mitch Ketron is the Gray Team Incident Commander.

This is a no-drone zone. Unauthorized drone flights (UAS) pose serious risks to firefighter and public safety and the effectiveness of wildfire suppression operations. Aerial firefighting is suspended when unauthorized UAS are in the area, allowing wildfire to grow larger.

Yesterday's Activities: There was significant fire growth along the southern edge of the fire downhill to Diablo Dam Road, and to the northeast toward Sourdough Creek, due to hot, dry, and windy conditions. Helicopters were used extensively, dropping water to slow fire spread. Fire personnel were actively engaged in structure protection, triage, and preparation based on fire location and behavior, which included setting up hose lays, sprinkler systems, and preparing structures in the town of Diablo.

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<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/warlp-sourdough-fire>

Today

Fire Size: 534
Containment: 0%
Personnel: 163
Helicopters: 3

Fire personnel will continue to focus on structure protection efforts in Diablo and the Environmental Learning Center, as well as scout and identify possible fire containment lines. Crews will assess structures and park infrastructure in the Ross Lake area for structure protection. Helicopter water drops will continue in an effort to slow fire spread and downhill fire due to terrain-influenced roll-out. Terrain is extremely steep, rugged, and inaccessible. Increased fire behavior is possible today with continued hot, dry, and windy conditions.

Weather

Sunny, with a high near 82. Variable winds expected today, becoming west between 6 and 9 mph. Low humidity in the range of 30-35%. Take caution when recreating outdoors when smoke is present. Learn more at <https://wasmoke.blogspot.com>

Area/Road Closures & Evacuations

EVACUATIONS - Evacuations are in effect for North Cascades Environmental Learning Center. There is no access across Diablo Dam until further notice.

Trail, area, and camp closures are in effect due to fire activity. Closure information can be found at <https://www.nps.gov/noca/planyourvisit/fire-closures.htm>.