



# West Hallett Fire and West Anderson Fire UPDATE

August 3, 2023  
0800 Hours



Northeast Washington Interagency  
IMT Type 3, Team #1  
Incident Commander, Craig Dibble

For Immediate Release

**Cheney, WA,** - The West Hallett Fire was reported at 1337 on Monday July 31<sup>st</sup>. It is located approximately 2 miles West of Highway 195 North of the Cheney Spokane Road.

**Cheney, WA,** - The West Anderson Fire was reported at 1708 on Wednesday August 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is located approximately ½ mile east of the city of Cheney North of Anderson Road.

Currently there are approximately 200 line and support personnel assigned to the fires.

The West Hallett fire is 60% contained and is sized at approximately 155 acres. Evacuation levels have been changed to level 1 (be Ready to go) for the fire. See attached map for clarification.

The West Anderson Fire is 0% contained and is sized at approximately 35 acres. Evacuation levels are at level 2 (Be set to go) for areas along Anderson road south of Cheney Spokane Road. See attached map for clarification.

Washington Department of Natural Resources and Spokane County Fire District 3 have assigned management of both fires to a Northeast Washington Interagency Type 3 Incident Management Team.

On West Hallett, firefighters will continue to build on the successes of the last few days and to make progress toward the fire being 100% mopped up. On West Anderson, firefighters will continue to gain better access as vehicle access is limited. They will work to finalize and enhance control lines around the fire while starting to mop up the perimeter.

Initial mop up is for 300 feet around all structures and 100 foot perimeter around the entire fire working towards 100% extinguishment.

The incident command post is located at the Cheney middle School in Cheney WA. **Fire information contact is Eric Keller at 509-481-7064.**

## Quick Facts:

### Fire Size:

West Hallett Estimated at 155 acres

West Anderson Estimated at 35 acres

### Initial Start:

West Hallett 7/31/2023 at 1340 pm

West Anderson 8/2/2023 at 1708 pm

### Location:

West Hallett approx. 2 miles West of Highway 195 North or Cheney Spokane Road.  
West Anderson approx. ½ mile east of Cheney north of Anderson Road.

**Hazards:** Train Traffic, Urban infrastructure, Wind and Warmer temperatures.

**Values at Risk:** Structures, Urban infrastructure, Timberland

### Cause of both fires:

Under Investigation

### Containment:

West Hallett 60%

West Anderson 0%

### Resources Committed:

State Mobilization Strike teams  
DNR Resources  
Local Fire District

**Personnel:** 200

**Road Closures:** None

**Trail Closures:** Fish Lake Trail will be closed through both fires.



West Anderson Fire  
WA-NES-1797  
Evacuation Map  
8/3/2023 0630  
35 acres

