



# West Hallett Fire and West Anderson Fire UPDATE

August 3, 2023  
2000 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 75% contained and is sized at 126 acres. Evacuation levels are at level 1 (be ready to go) for residences within the fire perimeter. See attached map for clarification.

The West Anderson Fire is 0% contained and is sized at approximately 35 acres. There was a spot fire outside of the lines that burned into the main fire this afternoon. Acreage will change with the morning update. With the help of Air resources, crews were able to get the fire stopped and trailed into the main fire. 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 continue to make progress toward the fire being 100% mopped up.

On West Anderson, Firefighters worked to stop the spot fire 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 126 acres

West Anderson Estimated at 35 acres + small spot fire

### 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 75%

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.





