



West Hallett Fire and West Anderson Fire UPDATE

August 4, 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 31st. 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 2nd. It is located approximately ½ mile east of the city of Cheney North of Anderson Road.

Currently there are approximately 150 line and support personnel assigned to the fires. As we work towards full containment on West Hallett, we will be demobilizing crews to right size the number of personnel for the smaller West Anderson Fire.

The West Hallett fire is 90% 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 25% contained and is sized at approximately 48 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 continue to make progress toward the fire being 100% mopped up. Isolated hot areas are being extinguished as they are found.

On West Anderson, Firefighters worked to enhance control lines around the fire. They have established a perimeter of at least 25 feet around the entire fire. Crews put a hose lay around the fire and are utilizing it to provide water for mop-up as vehicle access is very limited.

The Fish lake/Columbia Plateau trail through the fires is closed to the public for safety concerns. We anticipate it re-opening Monday or Tuesday.

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 48 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 90%

West Anderson 25%

Resources Committed:

State Mobilization Strike teams
DNR Resources
Local Fire District

Personnel: 150

Road Closures: None

Trail Closures: Fish Lake/Columbia Plateau Trail will be closed through both fires.



