



# West Hallett Fire and West Anderson Fire UPDATE

August 5, 2023  
1800 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 South of West 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 de-mobilizing crews to right size the number of personnel for the smaller West Anderson Fire.

The West Hallett fire is 95% 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 35% contained and is sized at approximately 48 acres. Evacuation levels are at level 1 (Be ready to go) for areas along West 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% contained. Isolated hot areas are being searched out and are being extinguished as they are found. There will be minimal personnel on this fire on 8/6/2023.

On West Anderson, Firefighters have established a perimeter around the entire fire and are utilizing a hose lay around the fire and are utilizing it to mop-up as vehicle access is very limited. Crews will continue to work inward toward complete extinguishment.

The Fish lake/Columbia Plateau trail through the fires is closed to the public for safety concerns. We anticipate it re-opening 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 95%

West Anderson 35%

### Resources Committed:

DNR Resources  
Local Fire District

**Personnel:** 150

**Road Closures:** None

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





