



West Hallett Fire and West Anderson Fire UPDATE August 7, 2023 0800 Hours



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

**This is the last Update unless significant changes
Thank you to the Cheney Community**

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 South of West Anderson Road.

Currently there are approximately 150 line and support personnel assigned to the fires. Crews will start demobilizing today and will be totally gone tomorrow 8/8/2023.

The West Hallett fire is 99% 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 80% 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, This fire is on patrol status and will be handed back to the local district for checking starting Tuesday Morning.

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

We anticipate turning these fires back to local control on Tuesday 8/8/2023. The fires will be completely extinguished and in a patrol status. Patrol status means that crews from the local district will be checking to make sure that if hotspots or smokes show themselves that they are extinguished.

The Fish lake/Columbia Plateau trail through the fires is closed to the public for safety concerns. We anticipate it re-opening Tuesday 8/8/2023.

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 99%

West Anderson 80%

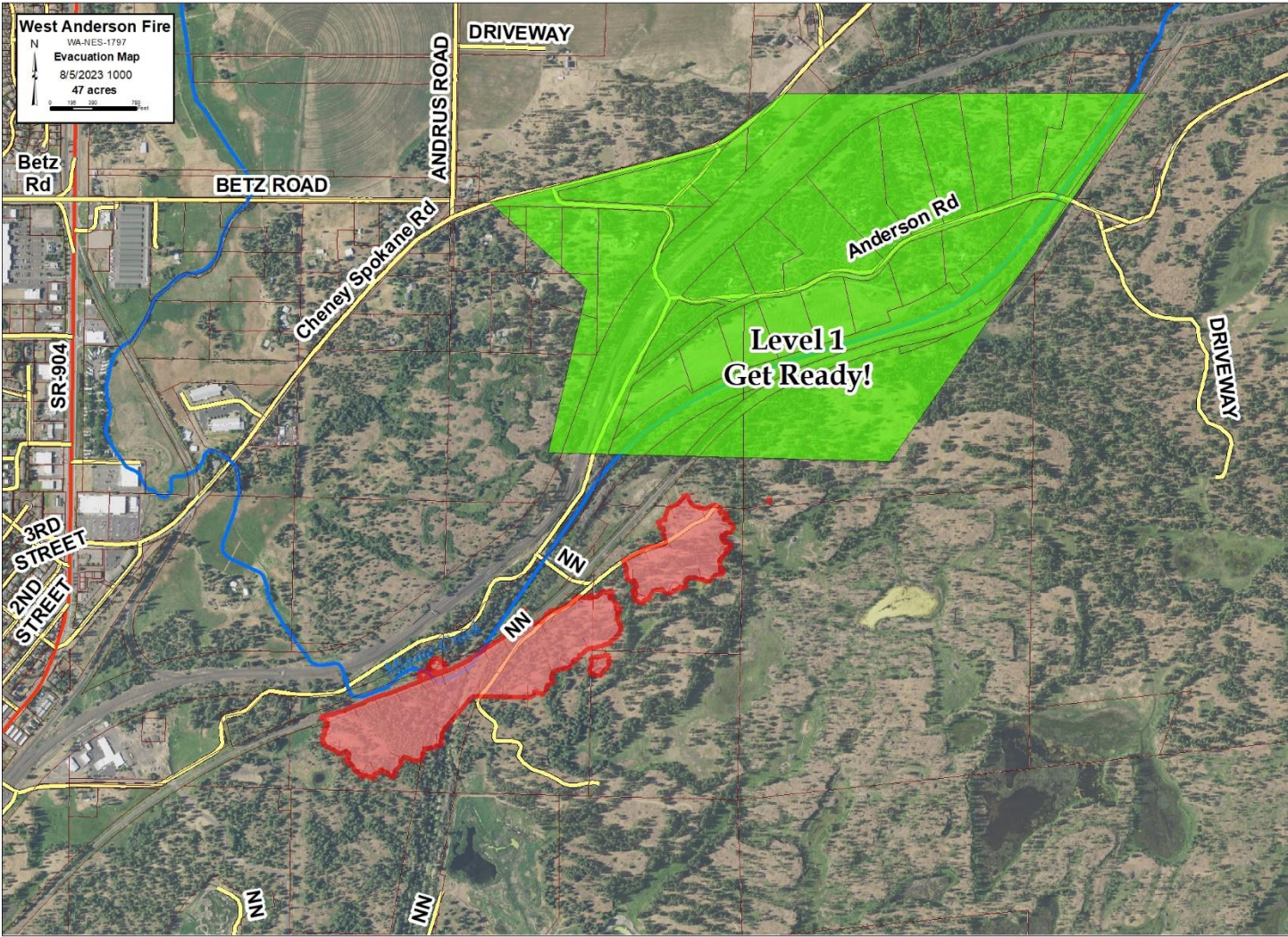
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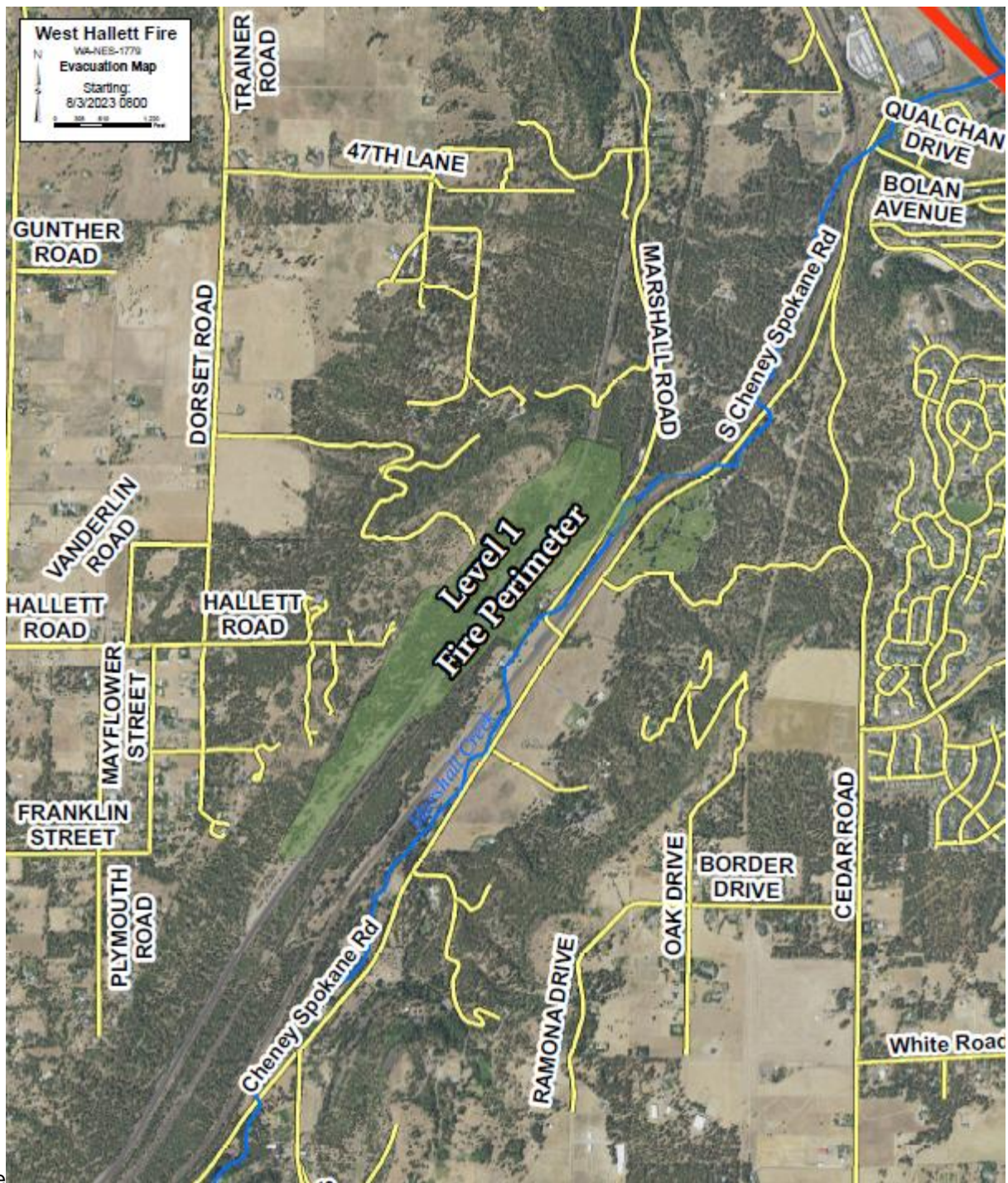
DNR Resources
Local Fire District

Personnel: 150

Road Closures: None

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





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