

**NORTHEAST  
WASHINGTON INTERAGENCY**



**Incident Management Team**

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## News Release

**7/30/24**

### Cheney, WA:

Spokane Area Fires incorporates 3 separate fires: South Columbia Basin, Upper Cemetery and Mullen Hill.

**South Columbia Basin Fire** started on 7/26/24 at approximately 1:39 pm and has burned approximately 252 acres in brush and timber.

**Monday:** Fire crews continue to make good progress on containing the fire and have completed a containment line around the fire and began mop-up along the perimeter of the fire.

**Tuesday:** Fire crews will continue to mop-up along the perimeter of the fire and around structures.

**Upper Cemetery Fire** started on 7/26/24 at approximately 4:59 pm and has burned approximately 44 acres in brush and timber.

**Monday:** Fire crews made good progress on containing the fire and have completed a containment line around the fire and have begun mop-up along the perimeter of the fire.

**Tuesday:** Fire crews will continue to mop-up along the perimeter of the fire and around structures.

**Mullen Hill Fire** started on 7/28/24 at approximately 5:48 pm and has burned approximately 9 acres in brush and timber.

**Monday:** Fire crews made good progress on containing the fire and have completed a containment line around the fire and have begun mop-up along the perimeter of the fire.

**Tuesday:** Fire crews will continue to mop-up along the perimeter of the fire.

**Weather:** On Monday all three fires experience light rain during the afternoon. Tuesday Weather is expected to have a high of 81 degrees, with southwest winds 8 – 10 mph and gusts up to 20 mph.

### Quick Facts

#### South Columbia Basin Summary

<b>Incident Start</b>	7/26/24
<b>Approximate Size</b>	252 acres
<b>Containment</b>	75%
<b>Resources on Fire</b>	5 – Hand Crews 6 – Engines 2 – Water Tenders 2 - Dozers
<b>Total Personnel</b>	93
<b>Structures Damaged / Destroyed</b>	3 residences destroyed 7 outbuildings destroyed 1 residence damaged

### Quick Facts

#### Upper Cemetery Summary

<b>Incident Start</b>	7/26/24
<b>Approximate Size</b>	44 acres
<b>Containment</b>	60%
<b>Resources on Fire</b>	2 – Hand Crews 5 – Engines 2 – Water Tenders 2 - Dozers
<b>Total Personnel</b>	46
<b>Structures Damaged / Destroyed</b>	1 – outbuilding damaged

**Evacuations: No Evacuations**  
**Road Closures: No Road Closures**

For information on evacuation levels for all three fires, please visit Spokane County Emergency Management at this link:

<https://bit.ly/SRECOfficialEvac>

Additional information and updates can be found at the South Columbia Basin fire's InciWeb site located at this link: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wanes-south-columbia-basin>

<b>Quick Facts</b> <b>Mullen Hill Summary</b>	
<b>Incident Start</b>	7/28/24
<b>Approximate Size</b>	9 acres
<b>Containment</b>	50%
<b>Resources on Fire</b>	2 – Hand Crews 2 – Engines 1 – Water Tenders 1 - Dozers
<b>Total Personnel</b>	45
<b>Structures Damaged / Destroyed</b>	0