



Miners Complex fire

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5:30 PM, July 24, 2024

Estimated size: 500 acres
Start Date/Time: July 17, 2024
Area of Origin: 21 air miles east of Darrington WA
Cause: Lightning
Fuels/Topography: timber, rugged terrain
Structures Damaged: None, there are no homes threatened at this time.

The Miners Complex consists of nine wildfires caused by lightning strikes in the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. The fires included in the complex are: Miners Fire, Vista Ridge Fire, Dolly Creek Fire, Sulphur Three Fire, Sulphur Four Fire, Sulphur Thirty-Four Fire, Upper Sulphur Thirty-Two Fire, Lower Sulphur Thirty-Two Fire, and Plummer Fire.

Closures: The following is a summary of the areas closed due to the fires in the Miner's Complex. The full Closure Orders visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/mbs>

Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail #2000.2 from Mica Lake to Suiattle Pass, Suiattle River Trail #784, Miners Ridge Trail #785, Buck Creek Pass Trail #789, Miners Cabin Trail #795, Grassy Point Trail #788, Sulphur Mountain Trail #794, Sulphur Creek Trail #793, Sulphur Creek Campground, and Sulphur Creek Trailhead. Closure has been extended on the ground down valley to include the Downey Creek trailhead.

Evacuations: None, there are no homes threatened at this time.

Update: Weather has been cooperative in keeping the fires in check with minimal growth of the fire perimeters. Fire Operations is working with the forest staff to identify defensive lines to contain fire spread towards public interests. Snohomish County assisted fire staff in providing road closure signs on the 26 road. We are asking the public to please stay out of the area for their safety and to allow firefighters access to the areas.

Smoke: In Washington, communities closest to active wildfires will continue to observe the greatest smoke impacts. The current [Air Quality Alert](#) for Chelan County and Methow Valley remains in place. Air quality will likely be unhealthy on the Colville Reservation due to smoke from the Swawilla and Bridge Creek Fires; the Colville Confederated Tribes have issued an air quality advisory. Increasing winds from the west starting this evening will clear out lingering haze in the rest of the state. Please continue to recreate responsibly and heed all burn bans. For more information on smoke and air quality please visit: <https://wasmoke.blogspot.com/>



Air Space Restrictions: There are no air space restrictions at this time.

Campfire Restrictions: The Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie will be elevating to a full campfire ban, even in developed campgrounds, starting Wednesday July 24, 2024 to help prevent human-caused starts in this critically dry period. Additional details at: www.fs.usda.gov/mbs

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