



Miners Complex fire

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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.
Evacuations:	None

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.

Update: Fire growth on the Miner Complex fires were hampered by yesterday's cold and wet weather. As the day progresses smoke will again be visible but minimal fire behavior is expected. Operations staff has been working on identifying objectives pending fulfillment of fire resources. With multiple fires in the area and nationwide resources being funneled to highest priority fires where life and personal property are at risk, staffing continues to be an issue. As resources become available identified suppression effort priorities will be implemented.

Weather: Generally benign fire weather conditions are in store throughout the period as onshore flow dominates. Mid-level instability will be present over the incident site particularly during the afternoon, but the influx of marine air will keep RH above critical values with decent recoveries overnight. West winds between 5 to 10 mph are expected. Max temperatures will be around 71, and relative humidity will be 37%.

Smoke: For more information on smoke and air quality please visit: <https://wasmoke.blogspot.com/>

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.

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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