



# UPPER RUBY FIRE UPDATE

August 22, 2024  
0900 Hours



## Fire Information

**Inciweb:** <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wacof-upper-ruby>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/newfireinfo>

**Phone:** 509-671-0625 (hours 8 am-8 pm)

For Immediate Release

***Lone, WA –***

**PUBLIC AND FIRE FIGHTER SAFETY IS THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY.**

**Evacuations:** The Pend Oreille County Sherriff has issued no evacuation orders for the Upper Ruby Creek fire.

The Upper Ruby fire was detected on August 20<sup>th</sup> in the Ruby Creek drainage in central Pend Oreille County, WA, about 10 miles southwest of Lone, WA. It is burning in fuels remaining on the ground following logging activities and in heavily forested areas.

Initial attack efforts the past two days included engines, heavy equipment, hand crews, and aerial resources. Ten to twenty loads of fire retardant and extensive water drops aided on-the-ground firefighting resources in limiting southern and western movement of the fire and keeping fire from the private property on the south end of the fire.

Heavy equipment will be used extensively to clear vegetation and install control lines, with hand crews scouting and building line in less accessible areas. Air support will be used to keep the fire cooled in areas where ground resources are working and to help them extinguish spot fires and any new starts in the area. Standing dead trees (snags), and bees pose hazards to firefighters.

Weather today will be partly cloudy, with light predicted winds from the north. Up to of ½ rain is predicted over the fire area on Sunday with much cooler temperatures.

Northeast Washington Type 3 Incident Management Team 3 assumed command of the fire at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21, 2024.

\* Note: more accurate fire perimeter is expected after mapping today.

## Quick Facts:

**Fire Perimeter:** approx. 220 acres\*

**Initial Start:** 08/20/24

**Location:** About 10 mi. southwest of Lone, WA

**Hazards:** Timber snags, bees, soft shoulders and narrow roads

**Values at Risk:** Private residences, ongoing timber sales

**Cause:** Undetermined

**Containment:** 0%

**Personnel:** approximately 185

**Structures destroyed:** 0

**Evacuations:** None

**Road Closures:** Ruby Creek Road (4 miles in from Hwy 20), Tacoma Creek Rd (about 11 miles west of Hwy 20), and Tacoma Divide Road (about 4 miles south of Hwy 20)