



# Ruby Fire Update

August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Minnesota Incident Command System (MNICS)  
Incident Commander-Jeb Backe

## Ruby Fire Quick Facts

**Size:** 739 acres      **Location:** North Cascades National Park, Ruby Mountain, Diablo, Washington  
**Containment:** 0%      **Cause:** Lightning/Natural  
**Start Date:** August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024      **Total Personnel:** 69

### Fire Information:

Inciweb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wancp-ruby-fire>

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**Operations:** Minnesota Incident Command took command of the fire at 6 am today.

**Current Status:** The fire was calmer yesterday morning but as the temperature increased and humidity decreased it grew exponentially, following the pattern of the past few days. Firefighters are working to minimize the impact of the fire on nearby infrastructure and natural resources. Access to the fire has been difficult due to the steep terrain and numerous hazards. The Baker River Hotshots and other firefighters are working to protect bridges, cabins, and other structures between Thunder Creek and Stillwell Creek. Additional resources will be brought in as they become available.

**Weather:** National Weather Forecast - A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly between noon and 5pm. Widespread haze between 10 am. and noon. Areas of smoke before 10 a.m., then areas of smoke after noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 56. West wind 5 to 8 mph.

**Closures:** There are multiple closures in the area due to the Ruby Fire and other nearby fires. Colonial Creek South Campground and boat launch are closed. For a full list of park closures visit

<https://go.nps.gov/fireclosures> Cascade River Road is closed at MP8. State Route 20 is closed east of the park from MP 148 and MP 157 due to the Easy Fire.

**Burning Restrictions:** National Park Service - Campfires or the ignition of wood, briquettes, or any fuel in fire pits, fire pans and barbecue grills, are banned in all portions of North Cascades National Park Service Complex – North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area. This includes all National Park Service lands and campgrounds along State Route 20 as well as Hozomeen and the entire Stehekin Valley.

**Cooperating Agencies & Tribes:** National Park Service, Seattle City Light, Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, Whatcom County, Whatcom County Sheriff's Office

**Smoke:** U.S. Interagency Wildland Fire Air Quality Response Program - Overall air quality will be MODERATE today in upper Skagit Valley.

<https://outlooks.wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlook/f79a6d6d> <https://www.airnow.gov/>

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