



Ruby Fire Update

August 14th, 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 9th, 2024 **Total Personnel:** 71

Fire Information:

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

Email: 2024.Ruby@firenet.gov

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Ruby-Fire/61563760546137/>

Phone: 1-360-208-8096

Current Status: Continued cloud cover with higher humidity levels and light winds minimized fire activity and spread yesterday. Firefighters continued structure protection to bridges, campgrounds, and trails, in addition to checking closed trails for public. Access is difficult due to steep terrain and hazards. Fire is burning in timber and brush.

Planned Actions: Firefighters will continue to protect values at risk surrounding the current fire area through structure protection to nearby infrastructure and natural resources, preparing for the potential of fire spread and growth. Main objectives are protecting human life, keeping fire away from values at risk, and minimizing wildfire spread to the north and west of the current fire location. Additional resources will be brought in as they become available.

Weather: NWS IMET – Slight chance for rain showers between 1 pm and 10 pm, with a chance of precipitation at 5 percent. Otherwise, cloudy becoming partially sunny with high of 73. West winds 2-5 mph. Mostly cloudy in the evening with a low of 60. East winds 1-3 mph. There is the risk of isolated thunderstorms in the fire area this week and weekend.

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>. 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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