



Ruby Fire Update

August 15th, 2024

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

Ruby Fire Quick Facts

Size: 820 acres **Location:** North Cascades National Park, Ruby Mountain, Diablo, Washington
Containment: 0% **Cause:** Lightning/Natural
Start Date: August 9th, 2024 **Total Personnel:** 50

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: Weather conditions over the past few days have minimized fire activity and spread. 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. Aerial suppression resources have not been utilized due to the weather conditions.

Planned Actions: Firefighters will continue to protect values at risk surrounding the fire area through structure protection to nearby infrastructure and natural resources, preparing for the potential of fire growth. Main objectives are protecting human life, minimizing damage to values at risk, and limiting wildfire spread to the north and west of the current fire location.

Weather: National Weather Service IMET – Chance for rain showers between 1 pm and midnight. Isolated thunderstorms between 2-10 pm. Chance of precipitation is 25 percent. Partially cloudy, becoming partially sunny with high of 80. West winds 4-9 mph, with gusts to 18 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. State Route 20 is closed east of the park from MP 148 and MP 157 due to the Easy Fire. For a full list of park closures visit <https://go.nps.gov/fireclosures>

Burning Restrictions: National Park Service - Campfires or the ignition of wood, briquettes, or any fuel in fire pits, fire pans and barbeque 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, Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, Seattle City Light, Whatcom County, Whatcom County Sheriff's Office

Smoke: U.S. Interagency Wildland Fire Air Quality Response Program - Overall air quality will be good today in upper Skagit Valley. <https://outlooks.wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlook/f79a6d6d> <https://www.airnow.gov/>

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