



Ruby Fire Update

August 16th, 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:** 87

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/>

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Current Status: Firefighters continued protection of park infrastructure including bridges, campgrounds, and trail features. Fire access is difficult due to steep terrain and hazards. An infrared flight was conducted to gather data on the fire's spread, resulting in more accurate acreage. Several new resources have arrived, including Warm Springs and Crow Peak modules, and Big State Wildfire crew.

Planned Actions: Firefighters will continue to work to protect values at risk in the fire area through point source structure protection to nearby infrastructure and natural and cultural resources in preparation of fire growth. The Ruby Fire is a full suppression fire and firefighters are utilizing strategies and tactics that provide the highest likelihood for success, while mitigating risks to firefighters and the public. Firefighting strategies and tactics are based on the availability of air and ground resources across the country due to numerous ongoing fires throughout the west. 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: Increasing chance for rain showers all day, with isolated thunderstorms between 2-9 pm. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent. Partially cloudy with high of 74. West winds 4 -8 gusts to 15 mph. Partially cloudy in the evening with a low of 61. East winds 1-3 mph. There is continued risk of thunderstorms in the fire area this weekend that could cause flash flooding if they contain larger rain amounts.

Closures: There are multiple closures in the area due to the Ruby Fire and other nearby fires. Closures are in place for public safety. 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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