



# Ruby Fire Update

August 19, 2024

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

## Ruby Fire Quick Facts

**Size:** 902 acres

**Location:** North Cascades National Park, Ruby Mountain, Diablo, Washington

**Containment:** 0%

**Cause:** Lightning/Natural

**Start Date:** August 9, 2024

**Total Personnel:** 94

## Fire Information:

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

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

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**Current Status:** Fire suppression efforts will continue today as safety permits; access is difficult due to steep terrain and hazards. Yesterday, light rain produced moist, cool conditions and cloud cover over the fire. Firefighters were able to move ahead with suppression efforts and reported moderate fire activity that included smoldering, backing and single tree torching. Smoke plumes from the Ruby Fire remain noticeable from public areas.

**Planned Actions:** Firefighters will continue to protect critical infrastructure, park campgrounds, trails, backcountry camps, and other resources in preparation for 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. The main objectives are protecting human life, minimizing damage to values at risk, and limiting wildfire spread to the north and west.

**Weather:** Monday, partially sunny with highs near 76. Southerly winds 3 to 7 mph gusting to 10 mph. In the evening, partially cloudy with a 15% chance for rain. East winds 3 to 6 mph. Lows near 57. There is a risk of thunderstorms in the fire area for the rest of the week.

**Closures:** There are multiple closures in place for public safety. Colonial Creek South Campground and boat launch, Thunder Arm south of Diablo Lake, and State Route 20 east of the park from MP 148 and MP 157, are closed. For a full list of closures visit <https://go.nps.gov/fireclosures>.

**Burning Restrictions:** Campfires, 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.

**Drone Restrictions:** Drones can seriously impact the safety of firefighting efforts, and operating drones within North Cascades National Park is prohibited, except with prior written approval from the superintendent.

**Cooperating Agencies & Tribes:** National Park Service, Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, Seattle City Light, Whatcom County, Whatcom County Sheriff's Office, Washington State Dept. of Transportation.

**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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