



Forest Service  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

# Lodgepole Fire Daily Update

Thursday, August 15, 2024



**Acres:** 35

**Containment:** 0%

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**Fire Information:** [linktr.ee/CIIMT14](https://linktr.ee/CIIMT14)



**Current Situation:** The Lodgepole Fire is currently 35 acres and burning in the Norse Peak Wilderness, north of Highway 410 near the Lodgepole Campground, located within the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. The fire is burning within the burn scar of the 2017 Norse Fire which is filled with large amounts of dead and down debris as well as standing dead trees which are extremely hazardous for firefighters.

The fire remains active, consuming and spreading through the down slash and ground fuels, while producing large amounts of heat. Firefighters are working to secure the southern edge of the fire. Dozers and equipment are being used to create a line between the wilderness boundary and the highway to protect and reduce the impact to the transportation corridor.

Making access to the fire's edge is made difficult due to the large number of standing dead trees. Crews are having to mitigate these hazards as they make their way into the fire area then move this material out of the way. Helicopters will continue to assist ground crews with water dropping missions. These aircraft are working to limit fire spread while firefighters work to make access to the fire's edge.

The fire remains a threat to multiple privately owned cabins in nearby Forest Service recreational residence cabin tracts. Crews are also continuing their work to assess and clear areas around threatened structures.

**Weather:** Increasing clouds over the fire area today with a 20% chance of thunderstorms this afternoon. Wind may gust up to 30 mph around thunderstorms. Slight decrease in minimum humidity (30-39%) and slight increase in high temperatures (70's) over the fire area compared to yesterday.

**Closures:** The Lodgepole Campground is currently Closed, but there are no other forest or campground closures due to the Lodgepole Fire.

Highway 410 remains open for travel. Please use caution in the area due to smoke impacts as well as firefighters and emergency equipment working along the highway.

**Air Quality and Smoke:** Air quality and smoke condition outlooks can be found at [airnow.gov](https://airnow.gov).