



Forest Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Lodgepole Fire Daily Update

Saturday, August 17, 2024



Acres: 35
Containment: 6%
Total Personnel: 47

Phone: 509-213-4890, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
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Fire Information: linktr.ee/CIIMT14



Current Situation: The Lodgepole Fire is located in the Norse Peak Wilderness, north of Highway 410 near the Lodgepole Campground, located within the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest.

Firefighters and dozers have been constructed a control line between the fire and Highway 410. Crews installed hoses and sprinklers along this control feature to ensure the fire does not move further south toward Highway 410. Protecting the highway corridor and preventing the Lodgepole Fire's southern spread remains a top priority for the incident.

Helicopters continued to work throughout the day Friday, dropping water onto the larger hot spots to slow the fire's growth and progression. The fire's northern spread uphill has slowed due to the fuel model changing and getting hung up in rocky terrain. The fire remains mostly creeping and smoldering with a majority of the heat being produced by the consumption of large down debris as a result of burning within the footprint of the 2017 Norse Fire.

Due to the Lodgepole Fire's location in the steep and rugged wilderness as well as the enormity of large dead standing trees throughout the previous burn area, firefighters are having to be strategic on where they can safely construct control lines. Firefighters are planning to use natural holding features that would assist them in containing the fire to the east and west.

The fire remains a threat to multiple privately owned cabins in nearby Forest Service recreational residence cabin tracts both to the east and south of the fire. Over the past several days, firefighters have cleared vegetation around these cabins and installed sprinkler systems should the fire move closer to these structures.

Weather: There is a flash flood watch for burn areas this afternoon. Thunderstorms are expected over the fire area from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m., with potential of ½ to 1" of precipitation within the storm track. Wind gusts could be up to 50 mph near thunderstorms. Elsewhere there is a slight chance of showers. Minimum humidity is expected decrease (21-27%) and the high temperature is expected to increase to the low 80'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. Travelers are encouraged to check the highway status through Washington State Department of Transportation website at tinyurl.com/4ptbkfua.

Air Quality and Smoke: Air quality and smoke condition outlooks can be found at airnow.gov.