



Forest Service  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

## Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

# Lodgepole Fire Daily Update

Sunday, August 18, 2024



**Acres:** 35  
**Containment:** 6%  
**Total Personnel:** 28

**Phone:** 509-213-4890, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
**Email:** [2024.Lodgepole@firenet.gov](mailto:2024.Lodgepole@firenet.gov)  
**Fire Information:** [linktr.ee/CIIMT14](https://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 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 have continued to assist with fire suppression through water dropping missions onto the larger hot spots of the fire area. The fire remains mostly creeping and smoldering with most 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. There are 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. Today, Crews will survey the area for any issues created by last night's thunderstorms and their effect on the fire.

The final Incident Update for the Lodgepole Fire will be posted on Monday, August 19, 2024. California Interagency Incident Management Team 14 will transition command of the incident back to the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest at the end of shift on Monday. If there are any significant changes with the Lodgepole Fire, the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will share pertinent information on their website and social media platforms.

**Weather:** Wetting rains covered much of the fire area due to multiple thunderstorms passing through last night. Today will be partly sunny with slightly cooler temperatures (70-78 degrees). A slight chance of showers exists for this morning and the possibility of some clouds this afternoon. Light winds are forecasted throughout the day. Tonight will return to mostly clear skies.

**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](https://tinyurl.com/4ptbkfua).

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