

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Lodgepole Fire Daily Update

Monday, August 19, 2024



Acres: 35 Containment: 6% Total Personnel: 8 Phone: 509-213-4890, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Email: <u>2024.Lodgepole@firenet.gov</u> Fire Information: <u>linktr.ee/CIIMT14</u>



This is the final Incident Update for the Lodgepole Fire

California Interagency Incident Management Team 14 will transition command of the incident back to the Okanogan-Wenatchee Nation Forest – Naches Ranger District at the end of shift today, August 19, 2024. If there are any significant changes regarding the Lodgepole Fire, the local unit will share pertinent information on their websites and social media platforms.

Current Situation: Due to the work of firefighters, aircraft and wetting rains, the Lodgepole Fire has reached a status in which the Naches Ranger District of the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest can assume command of the incident with a minimal number of resources. The threat to the surrounding communities, utilities, and values at risk has been minimized.

The Lodgepole Fire has been reduced to a smoldering and creeping pace with a majority of the fire activity within the interior of the perimeter where large dead and down material remain from the 2017 Norse Peak Fire.

Firefighters will keep patrolling the control line between the fire and Highway 410 and monitor the perimeter for any movement. The fire area is filled with a large number of standing dead trees which are extremely dangerous for responding crews. If safe to engage, firefighters will construct direct control lines in areas where they are needed.

<u>Weather</u>: Low pressure continues off the Pacific Northwest coast. This will maintain some clouds, along with some occasional light showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Expected cooler afternoon temperatures and high afternoon humidity. Southwest winds are expected to remain light this morning (1 to 5 mph) then changing to northwest (3-9 mph) with gusts up to 16 mph in the afternoon. Highest probability of thunderstorms occurring is forecasted to be Tuesday and Thursday.

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

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 <u>tinyurl.com/4ptbkfua</u>.

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