



Ruby Fire Update

August 27, 2024

Incident Commander - Shawn Turner

Ruby Fire Quick Facts

Size: 959 acres

Containment: 0%

Start Date: August 9, 2024

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

Cause: Lightning/Natural

Total Personnel: 72

Fire Information:

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

Email: 2024.Ruby@firenet.gov

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

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Current Status: Recent steady rains have helped reduce fire spread, heat and smoke. Fire suppression work continues today as safety permits. Access to the fire is difficult due to steep terrain and hazards, with fog and heavy cloud cover often making it difficult for firefighters to assess smoke and fire conditions.

Planned Actions: Firefighters will continue to protect critical infrastructure, park campgrounds, trails, backcountry camps and other resources in preparation for possible 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: Cloudy and windy with rain showers and thunderstorms on Tuesday. 90% chance for rain, 17% chance for thunderstorms. West winds 13 to 18 mph, gusts to 28 mph. Highs near 66 f. Then cloudy Tuesday evening as rain and thunderstorms end. Northwest winds 8 to 12 mph gusts to 17 mph. Lows near 52 f. A warming, drying weather trend is forecast to start Wednesday.

Closures: There are multiple closures in place for public safety; Colonial Creek South Campground and boat launch, Thunder Arm south of Diablo Lake. For a full list of closures visit <https://go.nps.gov/fireclosures>

Smoke: Air quality is forecast to be GOOD on Tuesday and Wednesday. <https://www.airnow.gov/>

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.

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