



Ruby Fire Update

August 23, 2024

Incident Commander- Shawn Turner

Ruby Fire Quick Facts

Size: 955 acres
Containment: 0%
Start Date: August 9, 2024
Location: North Cascades National Park, Ruby Mountain, Diablo, Washington
Cause: Lightning/Natural
Total Personnel: 85

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: Fire suppression efforts continue today as safety permits; access is difficult due to steep terrain and hazards. Yesterday, firefighters hiked the Pyramid Trail and Thunder Knob to access point protection areas, identify equipment needs, and suppression strategies. Smoke from the Ruby Fire remains noticeable from public areas. An 11-person Wildland Fire Use module from Yosemite NP has been assigned to the Ruby Fire.

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. Main objectives are protecting human life, minimizing damage to values at risk, and limiting wildfire spread to the north and west.

Weather: Friday, cloudy early with rain showers turning to steady rain in the evening, 90% chance for rain and a 25% chance for thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs near 71. West winds 3 to 6 mph gusting to 10 mph. Friday evening and night cloudy with a 100% chance for rain. Lows near 53. Rain showers will continue through Saturday. Stream and creeks may run high due to rainfall. Rockfall may occur from rainfall.

Closures: There are multiple closures in place for public safety. Colonial Creek South Campground and boat launch, Thunder Arm south of Diablo Lake. SR20 North Cascades Highway reopened yesterday from Granite Creek and Easy Pass trail post (mileposts 148-157). For a full list of closures visit <https://go.nps.gov/fireclosures> and monitor [Washington DOT real time map](#) for up-to-date information.

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.

Smoke: U.S. Interagency Wildland Fire Air Quality Response Program - Overall air quality will be GOOD today in upper Skagit Valley. <https://outlooks.wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlook/f79a6d6d>, <https://www.airnow.gov/>

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