

Six Mile and Stranger Creek II Fire Daily Update

August 23, 2024



Quick Facts: Six Mile

Size: 113 Acres **Start Date:** August 18th, 2024 **Cause:** Lightning
Location: Two miles east of Nine Mile Hellgate Road, near the head of Cottonwood Creek
Containment: 60% **Personnel:** 52 **Fire Strategy:** Full suppression
Resources Assigned: 1 hand crews, 2 engines, 2 water tenders, 1 heavy equipment

The Six Mile Fire was initiated by lightning and is located approximately 26 miles southwest of Inchelium and is burning in the Williams Flat fire footprint from 2019. Yesterday crews made great progress on removal of snags that could both endanger working wildland crews as well as could spread fire over the containment line. Rehabilitation of suppression efforts, such as dozer lines, began yesterday and were largely completed by the end of shift. With anticipated rainfall and poor road conditions, the spike camp east of the fire will be dismantled and crews moved to ICP in Inchelium.

Quick Facts: Stranger Creek II Fire

Size: 66 Acres **Start Date:** August 18th, 2024 **Cause:** Lightning
Location: ¼ mile east/southeast of South Twin Lake
Containment: 60% **Personnel:** 82 **Fire Strategy:** Full suppression
Resources Assigned: 3 hand crews, 4 engines, 4 water tenders, 1 heavy equipment

The Stranger Creek II Fire was initiated by lightning and is located approximately 7 miles southwest of Inchelium and 1 mile east of Twin Lakes. Crews were able to work 150 feet into the interior of the fire, finding and extinguishing remaining hotspots. Crews will continue to work inward today, searching for remaining hotspots to extinguish. Rehabilitation began yesterday, with crews removing dozer berms and creating water bars where necessary. An excavator will arrive today to aid in rehabilitation.

Evacuations and Closures: Road Closures: Inchelium Highway in front of Inchelium Community Center
Evacuations: All evacuation levels are dropped for the Twin Lakes Area. For more information on evacuations contact CCT EOC (509) 634-7350. Law enforcement is patrolling around Stranger Creek II and Six Mile Fires to ensure public and firefighter safety in this area.

Weather and Smoke: Rain showers become likely Friday afternoon and evening, with a chance for isolated lightning strikes. Winds with gusts in excess of 30 mph, with erratic winds with thunderstorms. Fast moving storms will limit the chances of wetting rain over the fire. Showers will decrease overnight into Saturday with a 30% chance Saturday morning and afternoon. Temperatures will cool Friday into the weekend with minimum RH values above 40 percent.

InciWeb Six Mile: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wacoa-six-mile>
InciWeb Stranger Cr II: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wacoa-stranger-creek-ii>
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