



Miners Complex Fire

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Estimated size:	1,098 acres
Start Date/Time:	July 17, 2024
Area of Origin:	21 air miles east of Darrington WA
Cause:	Lightning
Fuels/Topography:	timber, rugged terrain
Structures Damaged:	None, there are no homes threatened at this time.
Evacuations:	None

The Miners Complex consists of eight wildfires caused by lightning strikes in the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. The fires included in the complex are Miners Fire, Vista Ridge Fire, Dolly Creek Fire, Sulphur Three Fire, Sulphur Four Fire, Sulphur Thirty-Four Fire, Plummer, and Middle Ridge Fire.

Update: Reconnaissance flights began late Wednesday, with fire personnel working to assess the size and behavior of the Miners Complex fires after a week of overcast, low visibility conditions. Reconnaissance flights will resume today. Recon flights will also check surrounding areas for new fires resulting from last week’s lightning storms. Firefighter engine crews continue their patrol and fire rehab work.

Weather: Upper-level ridging is overhead and will continue into the weekend. With that, temperatures are still expected to warm up along with conditions drying out. RH readings could fall to critical values by Friday and the weekend as temps steadily warm and light offshore flow persists. Instability is likely throughout the upcoming period. High temperature of 79°F with east winds around 5 mph early in the morning becoming light.

Smoke: For more information on smoke and air quality please visit: <https://wasmoke.blogspot.com/>

Closures: The following is a summary of the areas closed due to the fires in the Miners Complex: Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail #2000.2 from Mica Lake to Suiattle Pass, Suiattle River Trail #784, Miners Ridge Trail #785, Buck Creek Pass Trail #789, Miners Cabin Trail #795, Grassy Point Trail #788, Sulphur Mountain Trail #794, Sulphur Creek Trail #793, Sulphur Creek Campground, Sulphur Creek Trailhead, and the Downey Creek trailhead. Suiattle River Road, closure beginning at Downey Creek trailhead. The full Closure Orders visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/mbs>

Forest Restrictions: The Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie has lifted the full campfire ban and forest-wide shooting restrictions, effective 8/28/2024. Additional details at: www.fs.usda.gov/mbs

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