



Huckleberry Ridge Fire
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Daily Update

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Reported: September 4th at 3:45 p.m. | **Size:** 301 | **Cause:** Under investigation

Total Personnel: 349 | **Engines/Tenders:** 24 | **Hand Crews:** 12

The Huckleberry Ridge Fire continues to burn in the timberlands South of Pe Ell. The fire is eight miles from the nearest structure and eleven miles from the nearest community. No Infrastructure are at risk at this time. The cooler and wetter weather conditions have greatly assisted the suppression efforts. Crew have made significant progress in the containment of the fire over the past 24 hours. There is still area of heat in and near the fire's edge and these areas are being sought after and extinguished in order to fully secure the fire's perimeter. Steep slopes and loose footing continue to hamper the suppression efforts, but firefighters are maintaining the physical effort needed to fully suppress the fire.

Update: Containment is shown at 52% today and will slowly be increasing as the days go on while mop-up is done along containment lines. Secure and mop up existing control lines is the focus. We are still constructing fire line in approximately 48% of the fire's perimeter and initiating rehab efforts in areas that are fully extinguished.

Safety: The steep terrain, brushy slopes and loose footing is a major focus to prevent injuries to the firefighters. There have been very injuries and only minor suffering has resulted from the ones that have occurred. Hunting Season continues so please be aware there are both firefighters and hunters in the woods right now. Use caution and stay vigilant. For anyone hunting, please stay out of the fire area and be aware there is substantial firefighting activity in the area with a lot of vehicle traffic.

Evacuations/Closures: There are no anticipated evacuations or road closures in the future for this fire with the exception on the roads immediately adjacent to the burned area. We continue to ask that the community stay out of the area of the fire until fire bosses have reopened the roads to the burned area.

Weather: While the bulk of the rain has ended, showers do linger through Thursday morning. A lift from the Coast Range will increase those probabilities through 1200 Thursday night. Dry conditions with onshore flow from Thursday into Friday will occur over the fire area. An inversion forms around 0100 Friday at 1800 ft above sea level and lifts around 1000 and this may increase some fire activity.



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Air Space Restrictions: We continue to have a Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR) in place over the fire. If you fly, We can't.