

## **Huckleberry Ridge Fire**

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## **Daily Update**

**September 13, 2024** 

Reported: September 4th at 3:45 p.m. | Size: 300 | Cause: Under investigation

Total Personnel: 271 | Engines/Tenders: 9 | Hand Crews: 8

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.

**Update:** Containment is shown at 58% today and will continue to increase as the days go on. Steep slopes and loose footing continue to challenge efforts, but firefighters are doing a great job mopping the fire up. Crews have also begun to remove excess equipment (fire hose and other supplies) from the fire line. Some suppression repair activities are taking place to prevent erosion from weather related events. This work will continue through the next couple of days until the fire is fully contained.

**Safety:** The steep terrain, brushy slopes and loose footing is a major focus to prevent injuries to the firefighters. The safety record on this fire has been exception, with only a few minor injuries requiring rest, recuperation, and minor first aid. Hunting Season continues so please be aware there are both firefighters and hunters in the woods right now. Use cation 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 to stay out of the area of the fire until roads are reopened.

**Weather:** Weak high Pressure ridging today will keep the region mostly dry. But weak system offshore will arrive this afternoon and overnight, with a chance of showers. This wetter weather will continue to assist the firefighting efforts.

**Air Space Restrictions:** A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) area is in place over the fire. This remains in place while Uncrewed Aerial Systems (UAS/" Drones") continue to use infrared mapping in inaccessible areas of the fire. If you fly, We can't.