



Huckleberry Ridge Fire
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Daily Update

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

Total Personnel: 223 | **Engines/Tenders:** 11 | **Hand Crews:** 5

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 75% today and expected to be fully contained on Sunday, September 15th. Removal of excess equipment is going well and helicopter sling loads are being prepared to be flown off the hillside when weather allows. Crews have been working around the perimeter extinguishing heat that poses a threat of escapement. Repair work is nearly complete but will be ongoing. The Western Washington Incident Management Team is working on close-out paperwork and coordinated the demobilization of base camp equipment to begin Monday.

Safety: The steep terrain, brushy slopes and loose footing continues to be the major focus to prevent injuries to the firefighters. 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 for your safety and the safety of firefighters.

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: A weak weather disturbance will facilitate a chance for showers tonight, peaking in likelihood during the day Saturday - can't rule out a weak T-storm Saturday afternoon as well. The overall flow turns more northerly on Sunday however slight chances continue. Daytimes and overnight RHs remain good to excellent. High Temp around 64, RH 80%.

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.