

## **Huckleberry Ridge Fire**

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## **Daily Update**

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Reported: September 4th at 3:45 p.m. | Size: 293 acres | Cause: Under investigation Total Personnel: 322 | Engines/Tenders: 28 | Hand Crews: 11

The Huckleberry Ridge Fire continues to burn eight miles from the nearest structure and eleven miles from the nearest community. No infrastructure is at risk at this time.

**Update:** Crews worked overnight with some slight growth on the east side of the East Fork Chehalis River. Heavy logging slash, thick timber, and very steep terrain continue to challenge operations. However, crews have a great rhythm continuing to add more handlines and dozer lines around the fire perimeter and are transitioning to mop-up operations once solid control points are established. Another hand crew arrived this morning to assist with the good work the team is already doing. Crews will begin laying fire hose along the fire edge to help with cooling the interior edge of the fire as well as any hotspots or stumps still burning. Crews are also working along the 3000-line removing falling debris to help keep the road open for fire traffic use.

**Safety:** 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, but we continue to ask that the community stay out of the area of the fire, be alert, and stay aware of the danger that exists in your area.

**Weather:** Today we are looking at a cloudy high of 72 degrees with some sunshine possibly peeking through. Winds are west-northwest at 5-10 mph. Tonight we are expecting a few clouds with lows of 51 degrees and light variable winds.

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