



Ruby Fire Update

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Ruby Fire Quick Facts

Size: 1300 acres

Location: North Cascades National Park, Ruby Mountain, Diablo, Washington

Containment: 0%

Cause: Lightning/Natural

Start Date: August 9, 2024

Total Personnel: 36

Fire Information: 360-208-8096

Inciweb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wancp-ruby-fire>

Email: 2024.Ruby@firenet.gov

Current Status: Cooler weather and increased precipitation minimized activity on the Ruby Fire, though isolated pockets of heat continue to smolder within the perimeter. Based on the predicted weather conditions, minimal fire growth is expected over the next week. The Type 3 Incident Management Team leading the suppression efforts on the Ruby Fire will transition with a Type 4 Incident Management Team today. The Incident Command Post (ICP) will move from Newhalem to Marblemount due to the number of personnel and current needs. Firefighters will continue to work in the Ruby Mountain area assisted by a Type 3 helicopter and a helitack crew. Travelers should use extra caution when traveling on State Route 20 (SR20) near Colonial Creek Campground to avoid inhibiting active firefighting operations.

Planned Actions: Firefighters will continue to support fire suppression efforts and be ready to protect critical infrastructure such as campgrounds, SR20, trails, and backcountry camps in preparation for possible fire growth. The Ruby Fire is a full suppression fire, and firefighters are using tactics with the highest chance for success, while reducing safety risks to themselves and the public.

Weather: Cooler temperatures and a chance of precipitation continues.

Closures: Multiple closures remain in place for public safety. Panther Creek Trail and Thunder Creek Trail north of Junction camps are closed. Go to the park website <https://go.nps.gov/fireclosures> for a complete list.

Smoke: Air quality is forecast to be GOOD on Wednesday at <https://www.airnow.gov>.

Burning Restrictions: There are currently no fire restrictions in place: <https://go.nps.gov/ban-lifted>.

Drone Restrictions: If you fly, we can't. Drones can jeopardize firefighting efforts, and operating drones within North Cascades National Park is prohibited, except with prior written approval from the superintendent.

Cooperating Agencies & Tribes: National Park Service, Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, Seattle City Light, Whatcom County, Whatcom County Sheriff's Office, Washington State Dept. of Transportation, Washington DNR.

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