



Ruby Fire Update

Friday, September 20, 2024

Ruby Fire Quick Facts

Size: 1336 acres

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

Containment: 0%

Cause: Lightning/Natural

Start Date: August 9, 2024

Total Personnel: 20

Fire Information: 360-208-8096

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

Email: 2024.Ruby@firenet.gov

Current Status: The Ruby Fire is now 1336 acres based on updated infrared mapping. Yesterday, single tree torching and smoke was observed within the fire perimeter with the warmer, drier weather. Cooler and wetter weather is expected over the weekend and will moderate fire activity. 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. Panther Creek Trail and Thunder Creek Trail north of Junction camps are closed.

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 continue.

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 Friday 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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