



Ruby Fire Update

Sunday, September 22, 2024

Ruby Fire Quick Facts

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Size: 1336 acres
Washington

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

Containment: 0%

Cause: Lightning/Natural

Start Date: August 9, 2024

Fire Personnel: Incident Commander Type 4 (ICT4), Type 3 helicopter and crew and local fire personnel

Fire Information: 360-208-8096

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

Email: 2024.Ruby@firenet.gov

Current Status: This will be the last update unless significant fire activity occurs. Today the Ruby Fire is transitioning from the current Incident Commander (IC) to the local unit. Yesterday saw an increase in visible smoke. This was not due to an increase in fire activity. Smoke has been settling low in the drainages and valleys due a stable airmass in place. Today brings a chance of showers in the afternoon with Monday and Tuesday experiencing warmer and drier conditions. Most fire activity is near the west side of Panther Creek on the east slope of Ruby Mountain. Fire personnel continue to monitor the fire for concerns or changes. 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: To visit current weather please visit: <https://forecast.weather.gov/>

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: To view current air quality visit: <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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