



Miners Complex Fire

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3:00 PM, September 9, 2024

Estimated size: 1,098 acres
Start Date/Time: July 17, 2024
Area of Origin: 21 air miles east of Darrington WA
Cause: Lightning
Fuels/Topography: timber, rugged terrain
Structures Damaged: None, there are no homes threatened at this time.
Evacuations: None

The Miners Complex consists of eight wildfires caused by lightning strikes in the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. The fires included in the complex are Miners Fire, Vista Ridge Fire, Dolly Creek Fire, Sulphur Three Fire, Sulphur Four Fire, Sulphur Thirty-Four Fire, Plummer, and Middle Ridge Fire.

Update: Increased fire activity occurred Thursday through Saturday as expected, but without significant fire growth. Activity tapered off on Sunday due to haze and smoke sitting in the Suiattle valley. Cooler temperatures will provide relief over the next few days. Firefighter crews continue patrols of the Miners Complex along with accompanying rehab work.

Weather: Marine stratus clouds have made it throughout Puget Sound and into the Cascades. Expect them to linger in the fire area through early this afternoon, around 1 to 2 PM. Winds today will be out of the southwest, but will switch to a northwesterly after 4PM local time today. Low pressure offshore will contribute to a cooler next few days, continued mornings with marine stratus clouds and excellent relative humidity recoveries. They next chance of rain will be Tuesday night into Wednesday as the next frontal system moves in. The high temperature will be around 68°F, with 5-6mph winds becoming west in the afternoon.

Smoke: For more information on smoke and air quality please visit: <https://wasmoke.blogspot.com/>

Closures: The following is a summary of the areas closed due to the fires in the Miners Complex: Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail #2000.2 from Mica Lake to Suiattle Pass, Suiattle River Trail #784, Miners Ridge Trail #785, Buck Creek Pass Trail #789, Miners Cabin Trail #795, Grassy Point Trail #788, Sulphur Mountain Trail #794, Sulphur Creek Trail #793, Sulphur Creek Campground, Sulphur Creek Trailhead, and the Downey Creek trailhead. Suiattle River Road, closure beginning at Downey Creek trailhead. The full Closure Orders visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/mbs>

Forest Restrictions: The Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie has lifted the full campfire ban and forest-wide shooting restrictions, effective 8/28/2024. Additional details at: www.fs.usda.gov/mbs

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