



Pincer Two Fire

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Estimated size: 211 acres
Start Date/Time: July 17, 2024
Area of Origin: Johannesburg Mountain. 1 Mile East of Mineral Park C.G.
Cause: Lightning
Fuels/Topography: Timber, rugged terrain
Structures Damaged: None, there are no homes threatened at this time.
Evacuations: None

Closures: Cascade River Road at and including Marble Creek Campground, Mineral Park Campground, and all tributary roads, trailheads, and trails are all closed. The public is not to enter the area for public and firefighter safety. Full closure orders available at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/mbs>

Update: Firefighters have begun preparations for re-opening Cascade River Road and aim for the road to be open on **Friday, September 20th**. The Pincer Two fire is still burning at 3,500 feet and will likely continue to smolder at high elevations into October. However, the fire should not pose any danger to the visiting public, hiking trails, the road, or any infrastructure values at risk. Firefighters are actively working on rehabilitation of the area and with resource advisors to return the area to its natural state, after being impacted by fire. The closures set to be lifted on the 20th include the Cascade River Road and all tributary roads, trailheads and trails. For information regarding backcountry permits in the North Cascades that are accessed along Cascade River Road, please contact noca_wilderness@nps.gov.

Safety: Please consider the following safety tips for recreating in fire impacted areas:

- Do not camp in an area with standing dead or fire impacted trees, as they are likely to fall.
- If there are high winds, consider adjusting your schedule if possible to avoid spending time in recently burned areas. During high winds, fire impacted trees are much more likely to fall.
- Erosion can be common after fires, leading to poor or unstable trail conditions. Stay situationally aware when hiking on burned over trails - look for any areas of the trail that are eroding, especially at high elevations next to drop-offs.

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

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