Northeast Washington

Wildfire Update

August 21, 2015, 1:00 PM

**Contact:** See fire information numbers in table at end of document

**Fire Information:** [**www.inciweb.nwcg.gov**](http://www.inciweb.nwcg.gov)

**Restriction Information:** [**http://firerestrictions.us/**](http://firerestrictions.us/)

**COMMUNITY MEETING for Northeast Washington fire information:**

**Saturday Aug 22 at 7 pm at the Community College auditorium in Colville (985 S. Elm St.)**

**This update is a region-wide summary of several active large wildfires in Northeast Washington.** Information listed here is approximate and subject to change. For more detailed up-to-date information on specific fires, please call the fire information numbers listed in the table below.

**Fire Danger Rating:  EXTREME National Wildfire Preparedness Moves to Highest Level (PL 5)**

Fires will start easily, spread rapidly, have a quick increase in intensity and can be very difficult to control.

**Phase II fire restrictions are in effect.  Current Industrial Fire Precaution Level (Washington DNR) is level 4 as of midnight on Thursday Aug 20th in all zones: no chainsaw use in the forest.**

For current IFPL information, please see:

* <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/ifpl>
* DNR Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Washington-State-Department-of-Natural-Resources/273352136518>
* DNR Twitter <https://twitter.com/waDNR>

**EVACUATION INFORMATION**

* **Stevens County Emergency Operations Call Center: 509-684-7598**
* **Stevens County Community Sign Up for Alerts:** [**https://secure.hyper-reach.com/comsignupw.jsp?id=41001**](https://secure.hyper-reach.com/comsignupw.jsp?id=41001)
* **Ferry County Emergency Operations Call Center: 509-775-3132**
* **Ferry County Sheriff’s Office/911 Facebook page:** [**https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ferry-County-Sheriffs-Office-911/339957886082797?fref=ts**](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ferry-County-Sheriffs-Office-911/339957886082797?fref=ts)
* **Okanagan County Emergency Operations Call Center: 509-422-7348**

**Red Cross Shelter Locations**

* **Brewster High School (503 S. 7th St. Brewster, WA)**
* **Grace Evangelical Free Church (851 S Miner, Colville)**
* **Columbia School (4961b Hunters Shop Rd, Hunters, WA)**
* **Republic Elementary School (30306 Hwy 20 E, Republic, WA)**

**Summary information for active large fires in Okanogan, Ferry, Stevens, and Pend Oreille counties:**

**Marble Valley & Gold Hill**

* Marble Valley is 7 miles south of Colville, Stevens County. Currently 3,087 acres and 50% contained
* Gold Hill is 1 mile north of Kettle Falls, Stevens County. Currently 557 acres and 25% contained
* Firefighters on both fires continued to aggressively secure containment lines and mop up. There was no perimeter growth on either fire as fuels on the interior of the lines continued to burn out.
* Today’s operations will focus on continuing to hold all established fire lines and mop up both fires. The forecast wind event will test fire lines and assigned resources may be shifted between the two fires as conditions warrant.
* Road closures: Pingston Creek Road, Townsend Sackman Road and Philpott Road.
* 290 residences threatened, 3 residences destroyed, 135 other structures threatened, 31 other structures destroyed
* Evacuation and road closure information related to the Gold Hill and Marble Valley Fires is available on the Stevens County Emergency Management website at:

[www.co.stevens.wa.us/EMS%20-%20Colville%20Fire/Stevens\_County\_Fire\_updates.htm](http://www.co.stevens.wa.us/EMS%20-%20Colville%20Fire/Stevens_County_Fire_updates.htm)

**Carpenter Road**

* 20 miles west of Springdale (near Hwy 25, Spokane Indian Reservation), Stevens County
* 28,000 acres
* 5% containment
* Cause: lightning
* 16 Residences, 10 Larger Outbuildings, 15 Smaller Structures Confirmed Lost.
* There has been one civilian [non-fire personnel] fatality of a local resident. The deceased has been recovered from the scene.
* 400 residences and 200 other structures are threatened

**Kettle Complex**

Kettle Complex Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Kettle-Complex-Fire/502871306544195?fref=ts>

**Community Meeting:** Malo, Grange 7 PM Friday Aug 21st

**Stickpin**

* Located on the Kettle Crest in northern Ferry County
* 43,348 acres
* 15% containment
* Cause: unknown (probable lightning)
* No structures destroyed
* 2,400 residences are threatened and 1,000 other structures are threatened
* For evacuation notices please go to Ferry County Sheriff’s Office/911 Facebook page:
	+ <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ferry-County-Sheriffs-Office-911/339957886082797?fref=ts>

**Graves Mountain**

* Located north of Highway 20, Ferry County
* 2,908 acres
* 10% containment
* Near BPA Power Lines
* 150 Residences and 300 other structures threatened

**Roy Road**

* West of Republic, Ferry County
* 120 acres
* 35% containment
* 4 structures threatened

**Renner Lake**

* Two and a half miles west of Barstow
* 1019 acres
* 0% containment
* 40 Residences and 60 other structures threatened

**Okanogan Complex**

* 5 fires within a 15 mile radius of Omak, Okanogan County (Lime Belt, Blue Lake, Tunk Block, Beaver Lake, and Nine Mile fires)
* 161,663 acres
* 38% containment
* Cause: lightning
* Moderate fire behavior with creeping, single tree torching, and backing
* 5,140 residences threatened 3 destroyed, 33 other structures destroyed

**Kaniksu Complex**

**Baldy fire**

* 6 miles NW of Ione, Pend Oreille County
* 515 acres
* 80% containment
* Cause: unknown

**Tower fire**

* Colville National Forest north of Newport, Pend Oreille County
* 9,180 acres
* 5% containment
* Cause: unknown
* 25 residence threatened, 10 other structures threatened
* For evacuation notices please go to InciWeb incident 4508 :
	+ [http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4508/#](http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4508/)

**North Star**

* 12 miles north of Nespelem, Colville Reservation, Okanogan County
* 88,000 acres
* 0% containment
* Cause: under investigation
* 2000 residences threatened, 1,150 other structures threatened
* Colville Indian Reservation is closed to the public due to extreme fire danger

**Summary table for active large fires in northeast Washington**:

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| **Incident Name** | **Location** | **Current Size Acre** | **Fire Information**  | **Status** |
| **Marble Valley** | Marble Valley-Basin Rd - West of 395 | 3,087 | **509-279-6795** | 50% contained |
| **Gold Hill**  | Pinkston Creek Road, North of Kettle Falls | 557 | **509-279-6795** | 25% contained |
| **Carpenter Road** | North side Spokane Indian Reservation | 28,000 | **509-722-6040****509-722-6165** | 5% contained |
| **Stickpin****(Kettle Complex)** | Colville National Forest | 43,348 | **509-724-0040** | 15% contained |
| **Graves Mountain****(Kettle Complex)** | Colville National Forest. North of Highway 20  | 2,908 | **509-724-0040** | 10% contained  |
| **Roy Road****(Kettle Complex)** | West of Republic | 120 | **509-724-0040** | 35% contained  |
| **Renner Lake****(Kettle Complex)** | Two miles west of Barstow | 1,019 | **509-724-0040** | 0% contained |
| **\*Okanogan Complex** | 7-11 miles north of Omak | 161,663 | **509-723-0813** | 38% contained |
| **Baldy****(Kaniksu Complex)** | 6 miles NW of Ione | 515  | **907-750-1639** | 80% contained |
| **Tower****(Kaniksu Complex)** | Colville NF North of Newport | 9,180 | **907-750-1639** | 5% contained |
| **+Chelan Complex Contains Black Canyon** | 8 miles west of Pateros | Merged with Reach Fire | **855-581-3862** | Merged with Reach Fire |
| **North Star** | 12 miles north of Nespelem | 88,000 | **509-634-3100** | 0% contained |

**\* Okanogan Complex contains: Lime Belt, Blue Lake, Tunk Block, Beaver Lake, and Nine Mile**

**+ Black Canyon being managed by Chelan Complex**