

Mills Canyon / Chiwaukum / Kelly Mountain / Duncan Fire Information 509-548-0139 or 509-548-0101



Chelan County
Fire District 1

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Fire District 8

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Fire District 9

Washington
Department of
Natural
Resources

Okanogan-
Wenatchee
National Forest

Bureau of Land
Management
Spokane
District

Ed Lewis
Incident
Commander
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Team 3

Fire Update – 07/23/2014 9:00 a.m. PT

Suppression of these fires is an interagency effort, including Chelan County Fire Districts 1, 3, 8 and 9; Washington DNR; Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, and the Bureau of Land Management.

Yesterday

There was no significant spread due to more favorable weather and small amounts of precipitation on all fires. Fire personnel used some of the time to catch up and maintain equipment in anticipation of greater fire activity with drier and hotter weather expected this weekend.

National Guard completed their fire training and they are ready to assist with fire suppression efforts on the Chiwaukum fire along Highway 2.

Chiwaukum Creek Fire: Burn out operations were spotty yesterday as the light rain arrived, especially in shady areas. The containment line is about 200 feet short of tying in with Highway 2 on the northeast corner. Mop up continues to strengthen and deepen the suppression efforts on the entire north and east perimeters. East of Highway 2 dozers worked to open up old roads and dozer lines to serve as contingency lines if needed.

Mills Canyon: Firefighters are strengthening containment lines with mop up and rehabilitation to protect the resource.

Kelly Mountain: Firefighters were flown off of the fire yesterday due to the anticipated thunderstorms. The rain last night has cooled the fire.

Duncan: Protection efforts continued using sprinklers and clearing fuels. Smoke was visible earlier yesterday. The rain in the afternoon has reduced fire activity and spread.

Weather

More rain is expected today with another ½ inch precipitation anticipated. Rain is forecasted into the night and clearing up by tomorrow. Thursday will be cooler, drier and windier. A high pressure system is predicted to move in on Friday bringing with it warmer temperatures. The National Weather Service in Spokane has issued a flash flood watch in the fire area until 11 pm tonight.

Quick Facts Incident Summary	
Approximate Acreages:	Chiwaukum Creek: 10,999 ac Kelly Mountain: 124 ac Duncan: 1132 ac Mills Canyon: 22,571 ac
Fire Containment:	Chiwaukum Creek: 10% Kelly Mountain: 30% Duncan: 10% Mills Canyon: 90%
Incident Commander:	Ed Lewis, PNW Team 3
Resources on the Fire:	Crews: 24 Helicopters: 9 Engines: 114 Dozers: 10 Water Tenders: 24
Total Personnel:	Chiwaukum Complex: 1011 Mills Canyon Fire: 57
Structures Lost: 2	1 outbuilding and 1 seasonal cabin
Jurisdiction:	Chelan Co. Fire Districts 1, 3 8 & 9 USDI-Bureau of Land Management Washington State DNR USDA-Forest Service

Today's Operations

The safety of firefighters and the public remains the highest priority. PNW Team 3 is continually evaluating operations and activity on the fires they are managing and supporting neighboring incidents as appropriate. There is concern with the flash flood watch on all fires.

Chiwaukum Creek Fire: Firefighters will continue to hold and secure containment lines on the north and east perimeter, including along Highway 2 and contain the fire perimeter outside of wilderness to protect private lands. Suppression options are being considered on the southern perimeter, north of Icicle Ridge and in wilderness.

Mills Canyon Fire: Continue fire suppression repair work and continue holding and patrolling lines. Excess fire resources will continue to be shifted to other priorities.

Kelly Mountain Fire: The fire will be patrolled by air today. Ground resources will be flown back in to the fire as the weather warms and skies clear later in the week.

Duncan Fire: Protection measures are completed on the cabins. Equipment arrived to construct the shaded fuel break from Shady Pass to Entiat River and will be implemented today if conditions permit.

Evacuations and Other Information

Evacuations remain unchanged today. Chelan County Emergency Services posts updated evacuations and closures on their Facebook and Twitter sites at www.facebook.com/pages/Chelan-County-Emergency-Management/188543097925415 or follow them on twitter @ChelanCountyEM.

Fire updates can also be found on the Incident Information System Website (InciWeb) at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3937/>.

Highway closures and other information is available through Washington D.O.T. on their twitter feed @wsdot.

Information about flooding and other concerns after a fire moves through can be found at: www.centralwashingtonfirerecovery.info.

Smoke information can be found at: <http://wasmoke.blogspot.com/> and on the webcam in Leavenworth at: <http://www.leavenworth.org/news-weather>

Additional Information about these four fires is available online at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3937/>

It is also posted to the following Facebook and twitter feeds:

Mills Canyon & Kelly Mountain	Chiwaukum Creek	
Twitter: @MillsCanyonFire Facebook: Mills Canyon WAFire	Twitter: @ChiwaukumFire Facebook: Chiwaukum Creek WAFire	

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