

CHUWEAH CREEK FIRE UPDATE

NORTHWEST INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM 12

Incident Commander: Bobby Shindelar July 16, 2021 8:00 AM

Operations Today:

The Chuweah Creek Fire, caused by lightning on July 12, is burning south and east of the town of Nespelem. High temperatures, low relative humidity and gusting winds have contributed to fire growth to the north and east over the last two days. The fire has burned east to Keller Butte Rd. and has crossed the road in several places.

Firefighters are working around the clock to protect structures along Cache Creek Rd. and hold the fire along the eastern edge at Keller Butte Rd. Fire growth has slowed considerably along the northeastern edge between Nespelem and Buffalo Lake.

NW Team 12 will assume command of Incident 90 (Central Peak Fire) today. This fire is roughly 30 acres and is burning two miles northeast of the Chuweah Creek Fire.

Level 3 evacuations that were in place along Cache Creek Rd. have been reduced to level 2. Level 1 evacuations remain in place in Nespelem, Keller and the San Poil Valley south of South Nanamkin Rd.

There will be a **community meeting in the town of Keller at the Community Center today, July 16, at 1:30 PM.** The meeting will also be streamed via Facebook on the Northeast Washington Fire Information page.

Evacuations and Road Closures:

- Level 1 evacuations are in place for residents of the town of Nespelem as well as the town of Keller, Buffalo Lake and McGinnis Lake communities and the San Poil Valley/Highway 21 corridor from South Nanamkin to the Keller Ferry.
- Level 3 evacuations have been reduced to level 2 for residents at Owhi Flats and east of Owhi Lake, as well as residences along Cache Creeks Rd.

Road closures include:

- Cache Creek Road
- Buffalo Lake Road between Manila and Cache Creek Rd.
- Cache Creek (Agency) Cut Off Road

Air quality information is available at <http://wasmoke.blogspot.com/>



SIZE: 37,283

CONTAINMENT: 20%

PERSONNEL: 260

CAUSE: Lightning

RESOURCES:

Hand Crews: 5

Engines: 20

Dozers: 6

Water Tenders: 6

Helicopters: 2

Fixed Wing: 1

FIRE INFORMATION:

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<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/news/7664/>

WILDFIRE SMOKE and COVID-19:

