



## **Bolt Creek Fire Update**

**September 25, 2022**

Incident Commander: Kent Stanford

**Western Washington Incident Management Team**

**Estimated size: 10,725 acres**

**Cause: Undetermined**

**Resources: 156 personnel** – 1-type 2 initial attack hand crew, 2 hand crews, 12-engines, 1 water tender and 78 Overhead.

### **US 2 Open at reduced speed:**

US 2 is now open; however, keep an eye out for firefighters. Use caution through the fire area, turn on low beam headlights and proceed slowly without stopping.

### **Update:**

The night shift reported the fire continued to glow near the Skykomish community as it slowly burned across the steep slopes west of FS 6510 and toward the north. A fire weather watch is in place for the next 72 hours on the Bolt Creek Fire. The watch is for unseasonably high temperatures nearing 85 and critically low relative humidity dipping below 20%. Winds will be light with gusts 10-15 mph, much lower than the east wind event from three weeks ago when the fire began.

Monday between 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm will be the peak of the critical fire watch period. The fire may be much more active as it consumes fuels within the control lines. The public should expect increased smoke in the valley and ridge tops and more visible flames during the daytime as well as night.

Today's weather will be mostly sunny with high in the 70's on ridges and mid 80's in the valley, relative humidity's 25-35% with light winds East 2-5 MPH becoming West around midday. Poor overnight recovery of moisture at 40-60% and 50-60 degrees is expected.

September 25, 2022 Morning operations briefing: <https://youtu.be/hV3Rcu8UOEQ>

**Smoke:** Increased smoke production is anticipated. Current information on air quality may be found at Washington Smoke Blog at <https://wasmoke.blogspot.com/>

**Evacuation Levels:** Current Evacuation levels:

- Index and Skykomish-**Level 1 (Ready)**
  - Baring and Grotto and area along U.S. 2 east to the Money Creek tunnel-**Level 2 (Set)**
  - West side of Money Creek to milepost 48, plus FS Road 65 (Beckler River Road).-**Level 3 (Go)**
- \*Levels subject to change as conditions change.

**Forest Closure:** The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest has implemented an Emergency Closure on National Forest System lands. Roads, trails, and campgrounds are closed. To read the closure in its entirety, please see: [MBSNF Bolt Creek Fire Closure](#)

A burn ban is in effect until significant rain is received. Please refrain from burning.

### **Plan+ Preparation=Safety**

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Evacuations/ Emergency Alert Systems

King County: <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/emergency-management/alert>

Snohomish County <https://snohomish-county-public-safety-hub-snocogis.hub.arcgis.com/pages/wildfire>