



Hope Fire Update

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Inciweb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wanes-hope-fire>
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Social Media, Evacuation and Closure Information: <https://linktr.ee/2025.Hope>

Acres: 7,414 – **Containment:** 16% – **Detection:** 07/08/25 – **Cause:** Under investigation – **Personnel:** 929
Location: Approximately 15 miles north of Kettle Falls, WA and 5 miles southwest of Northport, WA

Northwest Incident Management Team 8 hosted a community meeting in Northport on Tuesday. For those unable to attend, the meeting was recorded and posted on the incident Facebook page.

Operational Update: Yesterday, erratic winds tested containment line and exacerbated interior burning across the incident. In the northwest corner, crews scouted ahead of the main fire after northeast winds caused the fire to spread in the Flat Creek drainage near the 1520300 Road. Fire personnel were able to line the spot fire ahead of the northeastern finger, holding it to 4.5 acres. Near Cougar Mountain, crews took advantage of multiple retardant drops from aviation assets to construct and improve direct line where able, and heavy equipment continued to build on the dozer line around the northeast corner of the fire. On the eastern flank, containment line held against the wind and mop-up efforts continued.

Today, crews working the spot fires to the northwest will scout for opportunities to construct direct line between the 1520300 Road and Flat Creek. Heavy equipment and hand crews will continue constructing primary and contingency line around the north side of Cougar Mountain, working to tie into the FS 240 Road. On the southwestern side of the fire, crews will continue mopping up, strengthening and improving line, and begin to build contingency lines. On the eastern flank, fire personnel will work to add more containment as mop-up efforts continue.

Weather: After cooler conditions yesterday, temperatures will begin to rise again today – high 80s at the lower elevations and low 80s on the slopes and ridges. Relative humidity should stay in the low 20s in the valleys and high 20s at elevation. Wind conditions should be in the 8-10 mph range and shifting, starting in the northeast before turning to the east, southeast and finally southwest for the last few hours of the day.

Evacuations: Level 1, 2 and 3 Evacuations remain in effect. Evacuation and road closure information is available on the Stevens County Emergency Management Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stevenscountyem/>.

Shelters: The Red Cross Evacuation Center at the Kettle Falls Middle School, 105 W. 11th Ave, Kettle Falls, WA is now only open on an on-call basis. The Animal Evacuation Center at the Northeast Washington Fairgrounds, 317 W. Astor Ave, Colville, WA remains open.

Road Closures: In order to allow for firefighter safety, the public is encouraged to stay out of the immediate fire area.