



Green Ridge and Lick Creek Fires Update

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Northwest Incident Management Team 8 assumed management of the Green Ridge and Lick Creek Fires this morning. The incident command post remains at the Last Resort near Pomeroy, WA.

Green Ridge Fire Statistics:

Size: 39,546 acres
Containment: 35%
Total Personnel: 223
Location: 30 miles east of Walla Walla
Reported: July 7, 2021
Cause: Lightning

Lick Creek Fire Statistics:

Size: 80,421 acres
Containment: 97%
Total Personnel: 7
Location: 20 miles southwest of Asotin, WA
Reported: July 7, 2021
Cause: Lightning

Current Situation: Green Ridge Fire: The Green Ridge Fire remains 35% contained and is 39,546 acres with a 56 acres growth in 24 hours. Fire activity was minimal again. Crews continued mopping up sections of uncontrolled line in divisions M and K. Crews completed the removal of equipment and miles of hose from contained portions of line on the north and west sides of the fire so this equipment can be cleaned and redistributed to other incidents across the west.

The drying trend that started earlier this week will continue today with increased wind and is expected to result in a slight increase in fire behavior and some smoke production.

Current Situation: Lick Creek Fire: The Lick Creek Fire remains 80,421 acres and 97% contained. Smoke will continue to be visible as unburned pockets of vegetation inside the fire perimeter are consumed. Crews will continue to mop-up any interior pockets of heat and patrol lines as they can safely do so.

Weather & Smoke Information: Today's weather will be partly cloudy with smoke and haze. Temperatures will have highs between 61-66 degrees along the ridges and 70-75 degrees in the valley bottoms. Winds will be west to northwest at 6 – 10 mph with gusts to 20 mph. Relative humidity will range from 35-40%. Smoke information is available on Washington Smoke Blog at:
<https://wasmoke.blogspot.com/>

Forest Closures: Closures are in place on the Umatilla National Forest. The forest closure includes all lands on the Pomeroy and Walla Walla Ranger Districts in Washington State. The closure order is available at <https://go.usa.gov/xFyhn>.

Evacuations: Garfield County currently has Level 1 and Level 2 evacuations in place. Columbia County currently has Level 1 and Level 2 evacuations in place. For more information on evacuations, please visit <https://go.usa.gov/xFQJ2> for full information.

Temporary Flight Restrictions: For the safety of the firefighters and aircraft fighting the Green Ridge and Lick Creek Fires, a Temporary Flight Restriction is in place over the fire areas. Please consult the "Notice

to Airman” for specifics. Wildfires are a “No Drone Zone.” Whenever a drone is spotted near the fire all aircraft are grounded until we can be sure the drone is clear of the area. For more information, visit <http://knowbeforeyoufly.org>.

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Inciweb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7628/>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/GreenRidgeFire2021

Lick Creek Fire Information:

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Inciweb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7615/>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/LickCreekFire

