



# *Chelan County Sheriff's Office*

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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As of 1100 hrs Wednesday, the Union Valley Fire has remained fairly inactive with the potential of flare ups as the weather heats up.

Sheriff Mike Harum reports that at 2056 hours on Tuesday, lightning strikes were reported in the Chelan area which created a brush fire in the Union Valley area. Fire crews requested law enforcement respond and assist with evacuations.

Chelan County Fire District 7 and Fire District 5 in partnership with the Department of Natural Resources and the United States Forest Service and the Chelan County Sheriff's Office in unified command are working in collaboration to contain the fire. The Northwest Incident Management Team, a Type 3 Team is also assisting with the fire.

The sheriff's office started evacuations in several areas.

The current state of the fire is 600-plus acres. There are approximately 175 fire personnel currently assigned to the fire.

Deputies have contacted approximately 120-140 residences for level 2 and Level 3 Evacuation Notice.

The Level 3 evacuations include Purtteman Gulch from Boyd Rd., all of the Chelan Ranch road all of Whitetail Way. The Level 3 continues with Blue Grouse Rd. and south to include all of No-Where Rd., Elmer Garton Rd.,

Virginia Woo Rd., Bill Oules Rd., Zig Zag Rd., Homesteader Rd., Dusty Lane Rd., Jerry Garton Rd., Horizon Rd., Wheatland Rd., Windy Ridge Rd., Union Valley Rd. north from mile post 3, Barden R. Castlerock Rd., Old Burn Rd., and McGinty Rd.

Level 2 evacuation notices include Henderson Rd., Henderson Terrace, all of Clark Rd., where it intersects with Wheatland Rd. In addition Nancys Way, Open Rd., Watson Pl., Sawmill Rd., School House Rd., George Garton Rd.

There have been no changes in the evacuation since early Wednesday morning.

A Type 2 Incident Management Team is expected to arrive to take over the Management of the fire at 1400 hours today.

There is an emergency shelter set up by Red Cross at the Chelan High School.

Those persons having concerns for their properties or friends, in the area, should call 682-2588 or 667-6867 for more information.

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