



Fire Notice

October 3, 2012

**Three Rivers
Ranger District
Colville N.F.
(509) 738-7700**

High winds on October 3, 2012 have generated additional fire activity within the perimeter of the Radio Fire. The fire is burning in steep, rocky cliffs 2 miles south of the Laurier border crossing since its lightning caused ignition around September 10, 2012. The fire is currently 45 acres and is located 8 miles north of Orient, Washington.

Crews have completed a contingency fireline above the fire and prepped the area below the fire to limit the movement of this fire to the east and west. Helicopter water bucket drops were marginally effective at limiting the north south spread of the fire. The steep, rocky, rugged terrain makes it unsafe to allow fire fighters to directly attack the fire where it lies in deep rocks and cliff bands and limits the effectiveness of water drops from the air. Horizontal movement of the fire will continue due to pockets of dense fuel in the rocky outcroppings on the south and north end of the fire.

Due to the difficult terrain and deep pockets of fuel, fire managers anticipate this fire will continue to have interior burning and smoking until wet weather arrives.

No structures are threatened and crews will continue to staff this fire. Crews will continue to conduct suppression operation as necessary to help ensure the fire stays within the contingency lines. Further action by crews will be to directly attack the fire in places where they can safely access it.

Smoke will be highly visible from HWY 395. No road closures are planned, though temporary traffic delays may occur near the fire.

For more information, please call (509) 738-7700.