



# ENUMCLAW FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## For IMMEDIATE Release Norse Peak/Sawmill Creek Fires

Although the fires in Pierce County are a widespread concern, they do not directly threaten our community. There are no current or potential evacuation notices in place for Enumclaw, nor is one expected to go into effect. We are closely monitoring the fires and will keep you updated as information develops.

The fires are burning approximately 27 miles away from Enumclaw with a great deal of geography separating us from the threat of fire. Department of Natural Resources (DNR) crews and the National Guard are now actively fighting the Norse Peak/Sawmill Creek Fire to contain them. The pressing concern, at this time, is the smoke from the fires affecting the air quality in Enumclaw.

This morning, personnel from the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) arrived to collect data and monitor our air quality. This afternoon, we will have an update on the air quality for this area and the impact on overall health.

The weather is predicted to change this evening, in our favor, shifting winds that will push smoke back towards the east. This should help improve the air quality. Until then, consider limiting your time outside and keeping windows closed. If you are experiencing negative health effects from the smoke, don't hesitate to call 911 in an emergency or contact your doctor.

**A HOTLINE has been set up through King County for Enumclaw residents:**

**1-800-523-5044**

**New information will be updated on our Facebook page & website:**

**<https://www.facebook.com/EnumclawFire/> or [www.enumclawfire.com](http://www.enumclawfire.com)**

**Current weather information: <https://airnow.gov/> or <http://wasmoke.blogspot.com/>**

**Norse Peak Fire information: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/article/5509/38369/>**

**Sawmill Creek Fire information: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5594/#>**