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THE ROAD TO OLYMPIA

Today we left the picturesque town of Leavenworth and pointed towards Olympia, WA. We will visit our friends, the Euchers for a couple of days, then program our dash home in time for a cruise to Alaska!

The route we were going to take went by the edge of the large fire that burned a lot of area in WA. As you can see by the photo, there were only hot spots left to control. It was quite smoky in this area.

This area was around the town of Cle Elum. The name alone piqued my interest.



It appears that in the late 1800's, the Pacific Northwest Railroad established a station in the unincorporated town. It named the station Clealum derived from the Indian word for fast water, in the local river. In 1902 the town, the river and the local lake were named after the revised word Cle Elum. The town was rich with newly discovered coal seams, which the railroad needed, and was also the location of a very large sawmill for the logging industry.

We made it to the beautiful area of Boston Bay, where our friends have a large home and an RV Park in their driveway! There we relaxed and laughed and played cards and ate and ate until it was time to travel on.

We now have a day by day plan with confirmed reservations to get us home before the Labor Day rush. We can't remember making that many reservations ahead in all our days of traveling!

Dave & Bonnie