



Okanogon-Wenatchee National Forest

Fire Information



White River & Irving Peak Fires

August 15, 2022

Daily Update – 8:00 AM

White River Fire

Acres: 516 | **Contained:** 0%

Cause: Lightning

Location: Sears Creek area of the White River drainage, approximately 14 miles northwest of Plain, WA.

Irving Peak Fire

Acres: 160 | **Contained:** 0%

Cause: Lightning

Location: Approximately 16 miles northwest of Plain, WA.

Highlights: Lightning storms that passed over the Okanogon-Wenatchee National Forest this past week ignited several wildfires in the Wenatchee River Ranger District. Smoke from the fires is highly visible in the Lake Wenatchee area, and recreationists are advised to stay away from the Little Wenatchee and White River Roads where these fires are burning. Aviation resources are utilizing and scooping from Lake Wenatchee; we ask water recreationists to please clear the area and stay away from these aircraft as they work.

Operations: Yesterday, moderate fire activity occurred as additional resources arrived to support firefighting efforts. Aviation efforts were put on hold in the morning due to poor visibility and smoke conditions. Crews on the White River Fire continue to assess and prepare structure protection along Sears Creek Road (FS 6404) and White River Road. Dozers will be working on spur roads off the FS 6404 Road to open and improve access to the fire area. Two aircraft are currently assigned to the incident while other initial attack aircraft are assisting; fire managers continue to gain intel from these resources to assess safe containment options as they coordinate with local, county, and state personnel. Today, Irving peak fire gained more resources; it is staffed with multiple engines, hand crews, and heavy equipment. Crews focus on scouting potential control lines and begin structure protection along Little Wenatchee Road (FS Road 6500). A Type 2 Incident Management Team has been ordered to manage the White River and Irving Peak Fires.

Evacuations: Chelan County has issued a **Level 3 evacuation (Go Now)** for Sears Creek Road, White River Road is at a **Level 2 (Be Prepared)**, and Little Wenatchee Road is at a **Level 1 (Stay Alert)**. Emergency personnel are in the process of advising residents in the area. Residents of five homes were evacuated from the Sears Creek Area. For an interactive evacuation map of Chelan County, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/whiteriverevacuationmap>. To sign up for the Chelan County emergency alert system, please visit <https://public.alertsense.com/signup/?regionid=1184>.

Weather: A high-pressure system continues to build, resulting in hotter and drier conditions throughout the week. Temperatures today will be warming to around 82 degrees with northwest winds from 5-10 mph and gusts up to 20 mph in the afternoon.

Closures: An area closure is pending. It is recommended that the public avoid recreating in the Little Wenatchee and White River Road (FS Roads 6500 and 6400) areas. The Pacific Crest Trail is not affected by this fire.

Restrictions: Campfires are not currently allowed anywhere within the Okanogon-Wenatchee National Forest. [Stage 2 Restrictions](#) are now in effect for the entire forest, including campgrounds and wilderness areas.

Smoke: Current smoke forecast outlooks are available at <https://wasmoke.blogspot.com>.

Fire Information: Office Hours: 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM | **Phone:** 509-676-6558

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