Central Washington White River / Irving Peak Fires

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Fire

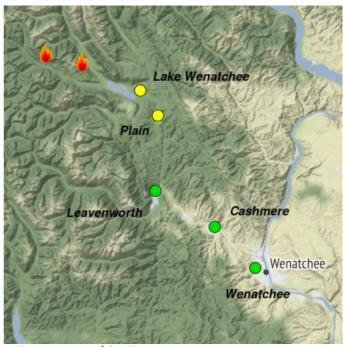
The White River and Irving Peak Fires are burning close to each other on steep slopes a few miles west of Lake Wenatchee. They have burned 2,267 acres. Firefighters are chipping and brushing, as well as using heavy equipment, to improve existing roads into firelines. Slightly increased winds are forecast for portions of the fire, and there are pockets where active fire behavior is expected today

Smoke

Winds are still gentle enough to keep most of the smoke in the vicinity of the fire and Lake Wenatchee in the morning. As seen in recent days, some smoke will move down the Wenatchee River drainage. Expect overall GOOD conditions from Leavenworth to Wenatchee, with some smoke noticeable in late morning and afternoon. Winds from the W and SW in late afternoon will move the smoke eastward. It is expected that the Columbia Basin beyond Wenatchee will see GOOD conditions, but haze may be visible there.

Health and Safety

Even moderate air quality can affect some people. Plan outdoor activities and recreation ahead of time. Try to reduce long exposures when in smoky areas. Fine particulate matter (PM2.5) is an air pollutant that is a concern for people's health.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Thursday

	Yesterday	Wed	Forecast*	Thu	Fri
Station	hourly	8/24	Comment for Today Thu, Aug 25	8/25	8/26
	6a noon 6p				
Leavenworth			GOOD conditions overall. Smoke may be noticeable, especially at midday.		
Cashmere			GOOD overall, smoke may be noticeable at midday.		
Wenatchee			GOOD conditions expected, light smoke possible midday.		
Plain	No hourly data		MODERATE conditions overall; smoke may reach USG at times.		
Lake Wenatchee			Smoke at MODERATE and USG levels, likely worst at midday.		

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Air Quality Index (AQI)	Actions to Protect Yourself		
Good	None		
Moderate	Unusually sensitive individuals should consider limiting prolonged or heavy exertion.		
USG	People within Sensitive Groups* should reduce prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion.		
Unhealthy	People within Sensitive Groups* should avoid all physical outdoor activity.		
Very Unhealthy	Everyone should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion.		
Hazardous	Everyone should avoid any outdoor activity.		

*Disclaimer: This forecast is based on fine particulates only; ozone is not included. Forecasts may be wrong; use at own risk. Use caution as conditions can change quickly. See your health professional as needed. Smoke sensitive groups should take appropriate precautions.

Additional Links

Inciweb Incident Information -- https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8329/
WA Dept of Ecology AQ Forecast -- https://enviwa.ecology.wa.gov/home/map

Washington Smoke Blog -- https://wasmoke.blogspot.com/
WA Dept of Health - Smoke and Health Info -- https://doh.wa.gov/community-and-environment/air-quality/smoke-fires

