Central Washington White River / Irving Peak Fires

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Fire

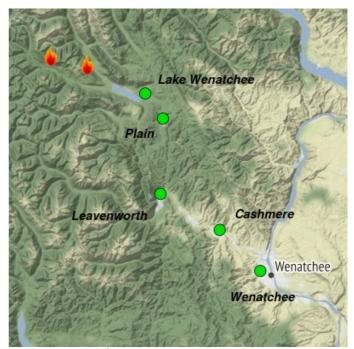
The White River and Irving Peak Fires are burning near each other in the White River and Little Wenatchee drainages upstream from Lake Wenatchee. They have burned a total of 2,665 acres and are 1% contained. Firefighters north and east of White River, and south of Irving Peak, are patrolling and prepared if the fire approaches the fire lines. Today the fires are expected to continue slowly backing downhill with isolated flareups in heavy fuel. The Irving Peak Fire should also continue a slow flanking movement to the east along the slope. The Irving Peak Fire should be more active than the White River Fire due to more exposure to the sun and wind.

Smoke

Smoke from yesterday and overnight will have accumulated in the drainages near the fires and Lake Wenatchee. The smoke will be held in place until a strong morning inversion lifts. Up valley winds will then move the smoke upstream toward the divide crest and away from towns in the Wenatchee River valley.

Health and Safety

Smoke may make symptoms worse for people who have preexisting health conditions or are otherwise sensitive, including: Lung diseases such as asthma, COPD, or emphysema; Respiratory infections; Heart or circulatory problems; People who have had a heart attack or stroke; Infants and children; Adults over age 65; Pregnant women; Smokers. (https://ecology.wa.gov/Air-Climate/Airquality/Smoke-fire/Health-effects)



Daily AQI Forecast* for Monday

| | Yesterday | Sun | Forecast* | Mon | Tue |
|----------------|----------------|------|--|------|------|
| Station | hourly | 8/28 | Comment for Today Mon, Aug 29 | 8/29 | 8/30 |
| | 6a noon 6p | | | | |
| Wenatchee | | | GOOD overall today with winds moving smoke toward the Pacific Crest. | | |
| Leavenworth | | | GOOD conditions overall today, winds moving smoke away from town. | | |
| Cashmere | | | GOOD overall today with winds moving smoke toward the Pacific Crest. | | |
| Plain | No hourly data | | Smoke noticeable to moderate until inversion breaks | | |
| Lake Wenatchee | | | MODERATE smoke until inversion breaks | | |

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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

