



Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Fire Information



Pioneer Fire Update for Thursday, June 27, 2024

509-210-2926, staffed 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
2024.pioneer@firenet.gov

Start date: June 8, 2024	Location: 31 miles northwest of Chelan, WA	Air assets: 11 aircraft
Fire size: 4,634 acres	Cause: Human caused, under investigation	Total personnel: 611

The Pioneer Fire is burning in the Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness Area on the Chelan Ranger District of the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest and on private land 31 miles northwest of Chelan. The communities of Stehekin, Chelan, and Manson are open and continue to welcome visitors. Sunny skies are forecast for the upcoming weekend and fire activity and smoke has been very limited.

The Pioneer Fire is a full suppression fire. Fire managers are using strategies and tactics with the highest likelihood of success, while mitigating risks to responders and the public. Extreme terrain prevents direct attack on portions of the fire especially on the east edge of the fire. Indirect lines are being identified and established to protect private property, federal infrastructure and recreational resources.

In Stehekin, crews focused on continued removal of snags and opened up historic hand lines around structures tying back into the road system. Crews will continue to reopen historic fire suppression lines and remove brush along Stehekin Valley Road. Assessment of potentially hazardous trees along the power lines continues in preparation for the arrival of Chelan PUD (Public Utility District) crews on Friday.

Crews confirmed a new fire which started yesterday at the Graham Harbor Creek campground has been fully extinguished. Along Meadow Creek, fire activity was minimal, and crews continued to work toward the division break at Prince Creek, as crews continue to evaluate threats to structures. Crews began to pull some pumps and hose lines from previously impacted structures between Pioneer Creek and Rex Creek, due to reduced threats. Some equipment was removed for backhaul, returning it for refurbishment and use elsewhere.

A crew and line medic were transported by boat and began developing hand line up from Safety Harbor which will tie into a reopened dozer line near Nelson Butte. Maintenance on the Grade Creek Road (8200) road will provide crews and heavy equipment access to improve historic dozer lines. Road maintenance will begin on the Black Canyon Road and Gold Creek Road will be assessed for personnel and heavy equipment access.

The air quality outlook is at <https://bit.ly/PioneerFireSmoke>. Learn more about smoke at smokeready.org.

WEATHER: Maximum rainfall along Nelson Ridge (at 6,000 feet) was 0.21 inches. The forecast tomorrow is warm and dry with no rain in the forecast for the next five days.

EVACUATIONS: Evacuation levels are unchanged since June 16th. Visit <https://t.ly/QoH9w> for updates.

Incident Commander Nate LeFevre
Complex Incident Management Team NW 7



120°40'W

120°30'W

120°20'W

120°10'W

120°W

48°30'N

48°20'N

48°10'N

48°N

47°50'N








Public Information Map

Pioneer Fire WA-SES-000173

06/27/2024

4688 acres on 6/26/2024 @ 2332



-  Wildfire Daily Fire Perimeter
-  Forest Closure Point
-  Campground
-  Wilderness
-  Secondary Hwy
-  Local Connector
-  Local Road
-  4WD
-  Ferry

