



Okanogon-Wenatchee National Forest

Fire Information



Pioneer Fire Update for Friday, June 28, 2024

509-210-2926, staffed 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
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Start date: June 8, 2024	Location: 31 miles northwest of Chelan, WA	Containment: 7%
Fire size: 4,711 acres	Cause: Human caused, under investigation	Total personnel: 628

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

Pioneer Fire managers are using a full-suppression firefighting strategy. They aim to minimize impacts to private property, public infrastructure, and natural and recreation resources, with the least risk to responders and the public. Two of the full-suppression tactics being used on the fire are indirect attack and point zone protection. For indirect attack, firefighters work further away from the fire’s edge to establish control lines. These lines are typically improvements of natural or human-made barriers such as roads, rocky areas, or large water bodies. Improvements include removing burnable materials like trees, vegetation, and duff. For point zone protection, crews are bringing in pumps, hoses and sprinklers, and in some cases protective wrapping, to increase the chance that a structure or group of structures will withstand fire if it reaches that location.

Yesterday, firefighters assessed a bridge up Prince Creek for protection. They moved hoses and pumps to Moore Point, to stage equipment for future operations. Crews moved additional equipment from Lucerne for brush removal. Today, they will continue working to protect structures outside the fire perimeter near the lakeshore. In Stehekin, crews worked up Boulder Creek, clearing brush and snags. Today, they will continue to implement the structure protection plan. Two miles of grading and road brushing were completed along Black Canyon Road, from the Black Canyon Sno-Park, to support ground operations from the east.

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

WEATHER: Expect warmer temperatures today with decreased humidity and a low probability of rain. Winds may increase and are predicted to shift from down lake in the morning to up lake in the afternoon.

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

PIONEER FIRE CLOSURE ORDER: The Okanogon-Wenatchee National Forest updated their closure for portions of the Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness and surrounding areas. The closure includes four campgrounds, several trails, and the 8200 (Grade Creek) road system. Details on open and closed locations, and a map, are available at: <https://bit.ly/PioneerClosure>. Plenty of recreation opportunities remain available.



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