

Easy Fire Update July 21, 2024



Quick Facts

Size: 286 acres

Start Date: July 17, 2024

Location: 17 miles west of Mazama, WA

Containment: 0%

Cause: Lightning

Number of Personell Assigned: 31

CURRENT SITUATION: Northwest Incident Management Team 3, led by Incident Commander Lonnie Click assumed command for operations on the Easy Fire at 6:00 am this morning.

With the transition to a new team, the decision was made to provide separate daily reports and strategies for the Pioneer and Easy Fires. The team was able to confirm Saturday that the Easy Fire has extended over the ridge of Mt. Hardy threatening the Pacific Crest Trail, while also moving slowly down slope toward Highway 20.

In addition to Easy Fire, firefighters responded to two small lightning caused fires in the Kitling Peak area. As of the end of shift Saturday, the Kitling Peak Fire is 100% contained. It will continue to be monitored along with another small lightning-caused fire was identified Saturday. The new fire (#454) is in a remote, difficult to access area surrounded by rock and not expected to spread.

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES: At the Easy Fire, firefighters will work above Highway 20 to remove fuels and clear burned trees to prevent the fire from reaching the highway and continue protection activities for structures and other resources that could be threatened. As additional resources become available, crews will begin removing fuel from avalanche shoots on either side of the fire.

Motorists on Highway 20 are encouraged to not stop along highway in the area where firefighters are working.

WEATHER: Critical weather conditions continue to produce areas of very active fire behavior. The National Weather Service has issued an Excessive Heat Warning through Monday at 8 pm. A Red Flag Warning is in place for hot, dry and unstable conditions today. Temperatures will remain in the upper 90s to low 100s with cooling expected early next week.

EVACUATIONS: There are no evacuations in place for the Easy Fire. Anyone recreating in the area should be vigilant about being aware of surroundings and stay out of closed areas. Please visit <https://t.ly/QoH9w> for more information about evacuation levels.

FOREST CLOSURE: Current closures for the North Cascades National Park: <https://www.nps.gov/noca/index.htm>
The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest has a closure order in place for much of the fire area: <https://bit.ly/PioneerClosure>. Campfires are prohibited. There is a Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) in place over the fire: https://tfr.faa.gov/save_pages/detail_4_6779.html. Unauthorized drone activity is prohibited under the TFR.

InciWeb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wases-pioneer>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61560760893080>

Fire Information Line: 541-861-5808, 8 AM to 8 PM

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