

**Pioneer Fire Daily Update**  
**July 21, 2024**



**Quick Facts**

**Size:** 29,995 acres

**Start Date:** June 8, 2024

**Location:** 31 miles NW of Chelan, WA

**Containment:** 14%

**Personnel:** 725

**Cause:** Human-caused, under investigation

**Resources Assigned:** 11 crews, 7 helicopters, 28 engines, 26 water tenders, 11 heavy equipment

**CURRENT SITUATION:** Northwest Incident Management Team 3, led by Incident Commander Lonnie Click assumed command for operations on the Pioneer Fire at 6:00 am this morning. “The outgoing Team and the prior teams who have been here working on the Pioneer Fire have done a lot of excellent work and we appreciate the attention that Northwest Team 12 gave to providing a smooth operational transition,” said Incident Commander Click.

State fire assistance has been mobilized in support of the Pioneer Fire. Washington State Patrol Chief John Batiste authorized the mobilization of state firefighting resources under the Washington State Fire Services Resource Mobilization Plan. Working with the community to strengthen fire resilience for structures and infrastructure in Stehekin and Manson remains a top priority.

The fire has crossed Hunts Creek on the northern flank and has been active in the upper East Fork of Fish Creek. Fire officials anticipate fire becoming more active in the North Fork Fish Creek drainage. The south end of the fire is primarily confined to extremely steep slopes above the lake shore between Canoe and Lone Fir Creeks with little movement.

**TODAY’S ACTIVITIES:** Firefighting efforts today will focus on strengthening protections around structures and resources near the edges of the fire perimeter. Crews will continue work to stabilize roads that provide access for firefighters and heavy equipment in the area of Prince Creek. Incoming weather could increase fire activity along Fish Creek, Hunt’s Creek, Flick Creek, and Surprise Lake. Crews, supported by aerial resources are actively working to stifle fire activity in these areas. Pioneer Fire is a full suppression fire with firefighters utilizing strategies and tactics that provide the highest likelihood of success while mitigating risks to responders and public. All suppression tools are being considered based on availability and effectiveness.

**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 p.m. 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:** Level 1, 2 and 3 evacuation levels remain in effect around the Pioneer Fire. Please visit <https://t.ly/QoH9w> for more information.

**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](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>

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