North Central Washington - Pioneer and Easy Fires

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Special Statement

*** Excessive Heat Warning from 11 am Saturday to 8 pm Monday. *** Red Flag Watch: 3 pm - 10 pm Sunday. *** Air Quality Alert for much of the area. ***

Fire

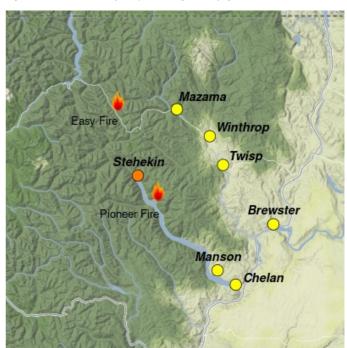
The Pioneer Fire was last estimated at 26,407 acres and the Easy Fire at 286 acres. Very active fire behavior is expected through Monday under hot and dry conditions. More details can be found on Inciweb.

Smoke

The Pioneer Fire will be influenced by up/down valley winds near Lake Chelan, while terrain-driven flow will strongly govern smoke from the Easy Fire. SE transport flow on Saturday and Sunday will steer smoke towards Stehekin, producing USG at times until down-valley flow resumes late on Sunday. Elsewhere, MODERATE will prevail. Exceptions will be morning USG in lower Lake Chelan, possible smoke drainage down the upper Methow affecting Mazama and Winthrop, and smoke/haze from regional fires spreading in from the south and east, slightly degrading overall air quality.

State Department of Ecology

Data from the Washington State Department of Ecology's Winthrop monitor can be viewed here WA Monitor Map.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Saturday

	Yesterday	Fri	Forecast*	Sat	Sun
Station	hourly	7/19	Comment for Today Sat, Jul 20	7/20	7/21
	6a noon 6p				
Chelan			Occasional USG especially in the morning before clearing occurs.		
Twisp			USG likely at times especially when winds are from a westerly direction.		
Mazama	No hourly data		USG at times with smoke draining down the upper Methow.		
Manson			Occasional USG in the morning until clearing occurs later in the day.		
Brewster			Regional haze/smoke from the east and south add to the air quality burden.		
Winthrop	No hourly data		Drainage flow down the upper Methow to bring USG at times.		
Stehekin			SE winds to to bring occasional USG, and perhaps UNHEALTHY air quality.		

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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

 ${\bf Pioneer\ Fire\ Inciweb\ --\ https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wases-pioneer}$

WA Smoke Blog -- https://wasmoke.blogspot.com/

Create a Clean Air Space in your home -- https://www.epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iag/create-clean-room-protect-indoor-air-quality-during-wildfire

WA Dept of Health - Smoke from fires -- http://www.doh.wa.gov/smokefromfires

Fire & Smoke Map -- https://fire.airnow.gov/

 ${\bf Smoke\ Health\ Impacts\ --\ https://ecology.wa.gov/Air-Climate/Air-quality/Smoke-fire/Health-effects}$

WA DOE Smoke Monitor Data -- https://enviwa.ecology.wa.gov/mobile/

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