# North Central Washington - Pioneer and Easy Fires

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## Special Statement

\*\*\* Air Quality Alert\*\*\* An Air Quality Alert, issued for all of Chelan, Okanogan, Ferry, Stevens, Garfield and Asotin County, as well as the Colville Reservation is in effect until further notice, due to expected smoke from nearby and regional wildfires.

#### Fire

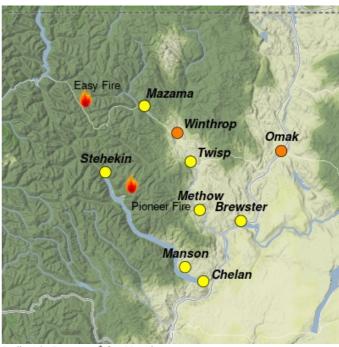
Wildfires were fairly active yesterday across the Pacific Northwest, but today might see some moderation due to rain and cloud cover. The Pioneer Fire grew by about 300 acres, while the Easy Fire had minor growth. Live updates are available on Inciweb.

### **Smoke**

Today should be somewhat less smoky than yesterday because of the forecasted reduction in fire activity. However, the same areas are likely to be affected, though to a lesser extent. Smoke is expected to impact Lake Chelan, the Methow Valleys, and points east, causing air quality to drop to the MODERATE level.

## **State Department of Ecology**

Data from the Winthrop monitor can be viewed here.



Daily AQI Forecast\* for Monday

	Yesterday	Sun	Forecast*	Mon	Tue
Station	hourly	7/28	Comment for Today Mon, Jul 29	7/29	7/30
	6a noon 6p	_		_	_
Chelan			Smoke and haze all day, clearing overnight		
Twisp			Smoke will be light today, heavier in the afternoon, clearing overnight		
Mazama	No hourly data		Overall MODERATE, periods of USG in the afternoon, improving overnight		
Stehekin			Overall Air Quality should be GOOD, periods of MODERATE in the afternoon		
Manson			Smoke continuing today but improving overnight		
Brewster			The air should be MODERATE, degrading to USG, then improving overnight		
Winthrop	No hourly data		Smoke will increase to USG levels, returning to MODERATE		
Omak			Smoke will be UNHEALTHY this afternoon, but clearing out overnight		
Methow	No hourly data		Light smoke all day and overnight		

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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 <b>reduce</b> prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion.
Unhealthy	People within Sensitive Groups* should <b>avoid all</b> 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

Pioneer Fire Inciweb -- https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wases-pioneer

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

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

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

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

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

