North Central Washington - Pioneer and Easy Fires

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Special Statement

*** Excessive Heat Warning until 8 pm Monday. *** Red Flag Warning until 5 am Monday. *** Air Quality Alert for much of the area. ***

Fire

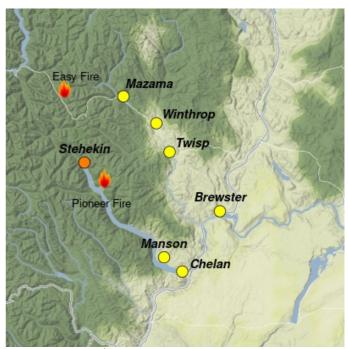
The Pioneer Fire was last estimated at 29,995 acres and the Easy Fire at 286 acres. Critical fire behavior is expected through Monday under hot and dry conditions, gusty winds, and the possibility of dry thunderstorms. More details can be found on Inciweb.

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 winds on Sunday will bring smoke from numerous fires across the region. Stehekin will experience USG at times during southerly flow. Across the region, MODERATE air quality with occasional USG is expected on Sunday. Afterwards, gusty winds Sunday night, and especially after sunset on Monday, will likely increase smoke and degrade 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 Sunday

	Yesterday	Sat	Forecast*	Sun	Mon
Station	hourly	7/20	Comment for Today Sun, Jul 21	7/21	7/22
	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.		
Stehekin			Occasional USG from Pioneer Fire and regional fires.		
Manson			Occasional USG in the morning until clearing occurs later in the day.		
Brewster			Regional haze/smoke add to the air quality burden.		
Winthrop	No hourly data		Down-valley air flow to bring USG at times.		

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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

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-iaq/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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