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

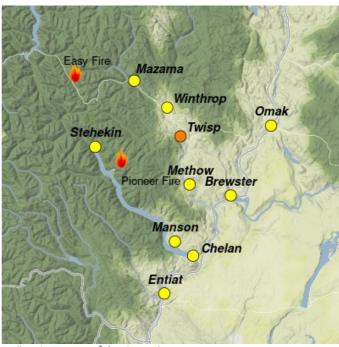
Fires across the Pacific NW continue to grow at about the same rate as yesterday. The Pioneer fire added just under 300 acres yesterday, the Easy fire saw very little growth. Active fire behavior is expected again today due to warm temperatures, light cloud cover and average winds. Live updates are available on Inciweb.

Smoke

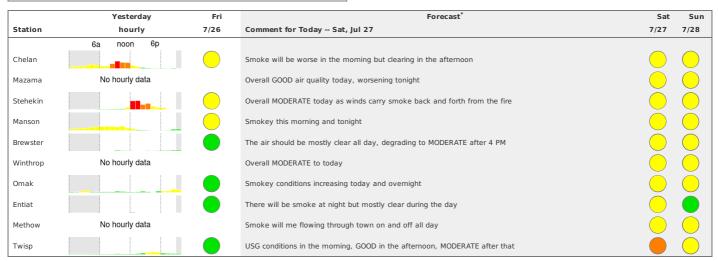
Today smoke is expected to drain into Lake Chelan, the Methow Valleys and points east resulting in lower air quality between MODERATE to isolated areas of USG (Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups). Air quality to the west and south of Chelan is expected to remain GOOD though the weekend.

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Data from the Winthrop monitor can be viewed here.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Saturday



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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/

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

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

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

