# North Central Washington - Pioneer and Easy Fires

Issued by Wildland Fire Air Quality Response Program on July 28, 2024 at 07:51 AM PDT

## 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

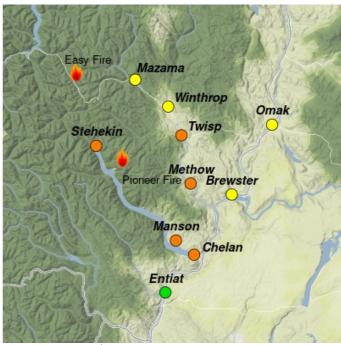
Fire activity ramped up yesterday across the Pacific Northwest and is likely to continue at a similar or slightly reduced pace today due to warm temperatures, light cloud cover, and low winds. The Pioneer Fire grew to 32,047 acres, while the Easy Fire saw only minor growth. Live updates are available on Inciweb.

### **Smoke**

Today might be the smokiest day in the past week because of lower winds and increased fire activity. The same areas will be affected, but a bit more intensely. Smoke is expected to move into Lake Chelan, the Methow Valleys, and points east, leading to lower air quality ranging from Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (USG) to MODERATE.

## **State Department of Ecology**

Data from the Winthrop monitor can be viewed here.



Daily AQI Forecast\* for Sunday

|          | Yesterday      | Sat  | Forecast*  | Sun  | Mon  |
|----------|----------------|------|--|------|------|
| Station  | hourly         | 7/27 | Comment for Today Sun, Jul 28  | 7/28 | 7/29 |
|          | 6a noon 6p     |      |  |      |      |
| Twisp    |                |      | USG conditions in the morning, worsening in the afternoon, MODERATE after that |      |      |
| Mazama   | No hourly data |      | Overall MODERATE, improving overnight  |      |      |
| Stehekin |                |      | Smoke will likely be heavier today, reaching USG levels                        |      |      |
| Brewster |                |      | The air should be MODERATE, degrading to USG, then improving overnight         |      |      |
| Winthrop | No hourly data |      | Smoke will increase over the day but clearing some overnight                   |      |      |
| Omak     |                |      | Hazy conditions increasing today, improving overnight                          |      |      |
| Entiat   |                |      | There should be little to no wildland fire smoke impacts for the next few days |      |      |
| Methow   | No hourly data |      | Like yesterday, but averaging Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups                   |      |      |
| Manson   |                |      | Smoke increasing today but improving overnight                                 |      |      |
| Chelan   |                |      | Smoke increasing over the course of the day, clearing in the late afternoon    |      |      |

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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/

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

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

