

## Easy Fire Update

August 20, 2024

Quick Facts

**Size:** 2,130 acres

**Start Date:** July 17, 2024

**Location:** 17 miles west of Mazama, WA

**Containment:** 29%

**Personnel Assigned:** 129

**Cause:** Lightning

**Resources Assigned:** 2 crews, 6 engines, 5 water tenders



**Virtual Community Briefing on Wednesday, August 21 at 5:30 p.m.**

View the live virtual community briefing on the Pioneer and Easy Fires Information Facebook Page at [facebook.com/profile.php?id=61560760893080](https://facebook.com/profile.php?id=61560760893080) Please submit questions in advance to [2024.pioneer@firenet.gov](mailto:2024.pioneer@firenet.gov) or via Facebook Messenger.

**CURRENT SITUATION:** Aided by recent rain, cloud cover and moderated temperatures, firefighters have successfully held the Easy Fire within its existing footprint. Unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) were used to look for areas of remaining heat and found a small number of heat signatures. Helicopters dropped water bucket to cool down the hot spots. Crews continued to cool hotspots and secure lines up to 100 feet interior from Highway 20. Resources continue to support Washington Department of Transportation with mud and debris removal along the highway.

**TODAY'S ACTIVITIES:** Firefighters will continue to use UAS to monitor for heat within the perimeter of the fire. Crews will continue mop-up operations along Highway 20. Resources on the north and south sides of the fire will hold and improve control lines. Resources have started removing equipment that is no longer needed.

**WEATHER:** Today will be partly cloudy with a 60% chance of light showers and a low chance of thunderstorms coming through on a weather system that will remain in the area until Thursday night. Temperatures will be in the low 70s and will remain within the monthly average temperature range throughout the week.

**CLOSURES:** Highway 20 is closed in both directions between Granite Creek (Mile Post 148) and Rainy Pass (Mile Post 157): Stay up to date at [wsdot.com/Travel/Real-time/Map/](https://wsdot.com/Travel/Real-time/Map/)

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest has closures in place for trails within the fire area, for more information visit [Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest - Alerts & Closures \(usda.gov\)](https://www.usda.gov/land-management/okanogan-wenatchee-national-forest/alerts-closures). This closure includes a portion of the Pacific Crest Trail and more information may be found at <https://closures.pcta.org>.

Campfires are prohibited. There is a Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) in place over the fire: [tfr.faa.gov/save\\_pages/detail\\_4\\_2247.html](https://www.faa.gov/save_pages/detail_4_2247.html) Unauthorized drone activity is prohibited under the TFR.

**EVACUATIONS:** There are no evacuations in place for the Easy Fire. Anyone recreating in the area should be vigilant of surroundings and stay out of closed areas.

**InciWeb:** <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/waowf-easy-fire>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61560760893080>

**Fire Information Line:** 541-861-5808, 8 AM to 8 PM

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