North Central Washington - Pioneer and Easy Fires

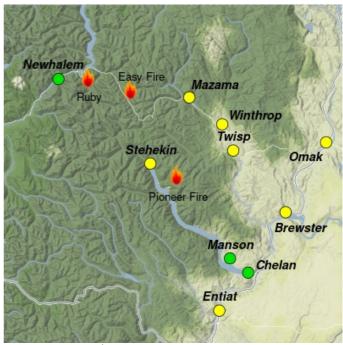
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Fire

The Easy Fire is 2,130 acres with no growth and is 29% contained. The Pioneer Fire is 38,721 acres with no new growth and is 23% contained. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. For latest information, visit Inciweb Pioneer Fire and Inciweb Easy Fire.

Smoke

The Stehekin Valley will once again have overall MODERATE AQ but will at times have GOOD AQ depending on wind shifts and the location within the valley in relation to the fire activity. The Methow Valley and Columbia River valley will continued to see mainly MODERATE AQ today. In Manson and Chelan, GOOD AQ will prevail. All areas will have a vigorous storm system move across tonight producing showers, thunderstorms, and gusty winds which should scour out the residual smoke in all areas except perhaps near or adjacent to fires, such as Stehekin Valley.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Saturday

	Yesterday	Fri	Forecast*	Sat	Sun
Station	hourly	8/16	Comment for Today Sat, Aug 17	8/17	8/18
	6a noon 6p				
Chelan			Overall air quality will be GOOD.		
Manson			Overall air quality will be GOOD.		
Winthrop	No hourly data		Overall MODERATE air quality today.		
Mazama	No hourly data		Overall air quality will be MODERATE.		
Stehekin			Overall MODERATE air quality in the Stehekin Valley.		
Newhalem	No hourly data		Air quality will be GOOD in the upper Skagit Valley.		
Entiat	No hourly data		Overall air quality today is MODERATE but there could be multiple hours of GOOD.		
Twisp	No hourly data		Air quality will be MODERATE today with several daytime hours of GOOD AQ.		
Omak			Overall air quality today is MODERATE.		
Brewster	No hourly data		Overall air quality is MODERATE today, but with several hours of GOOD AQ likely.		

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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

Fire & Smoke Map -- https://fire.airnow.gov/ WA DOE Smoke Monitor Data -- https://enviwa.ecology.wa.gov/mobile/ WA Smoke Blog -- https://wasmoke.blogspot.com/ WA Dept of Health - Smoke from fires -- http://www.doh.wa.gov/smokefromfires

