# North Central Washington - Pioneer and Easy Fires

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# Special Statement

An Air Quality Alert continues for all of Okanogan and Ferry Counties, as well as the Colville Reservation until further notice, due to expected smoke from nearby and regional wildfires. Particulate matter (PM2.5) may reach Unhealthy and Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups levels. More details are available here.

# Fire

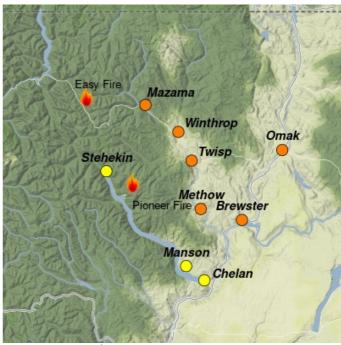
Strong winds from the west and northwest are expected to increase active fire behavior today on the Pioneer and Easy fires and others in the region, possibly leading to further fire growth. For live updates, visit Inciweb Pioneer Fire and Inciweb Easy Fire.

#### **Smoke**

Stronger west/northwest winds this afternoon through tomorrow will move smoke more quickly through the forecast area during the day and transport smoke from Canada into the Methow and Okanogan Valleys later this afternoon and evening. Expect increased smoke impacts this evening and overnight in these areas.

# **State Department of Ecology**

Data from the Winthrop monitor can be viewed here.



Daily AQI Forecast\* for Monday

	Yesterday	Sun	Forecast*	Mon	Tue
Station	hourly	8/04	Comment for Today Mon, Aug 05	8/05	8/06
	6a noon 6p				
Chelan			Overall MODERATE air quality today.		
Twisp	No hourly data		UNHEALTHY FOR SENSITIVE GROUPS		
Mazama	No hourly data		UNHEALTHY for SENSITIVE GROUPS AQ overall today.		
Stehekin			Overall MODERATE air quality.		
Manson			Light smoke likely in moming and evening.		
Brewster	No hourly data		Increasing smoke likely this evening and ovemight.		
Winthrop	No hourly data		Overall UNHEALTHY for SENSITIVE GROUPS air quality today.		
Omak			UNHEALTHY for SENSITIVE GROUPS likely in morning and overnight.		
Methow	No hourly data		MODERATE air quality becoming USG in evening.		

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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/

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

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

