

Upriver Fire Update

June 19, 2026

8:30 am

Fire Information Line: 509-509-6818



Quick Facts

Size: 213 acres

Start Date: June 16, 2026

Cause: Under investigation

Location: Adjacent to Upriver Drive, north of Spokane River, Spokane County, WA

Containment: 39%

Personnel: 348

Structures Lost: 14 primary residences and 4 secondary structures (confirmed)

Current Conditions: Yesterday, a specialized flight used infrared cameras to map the fire. The resulting map clearly delineates two distinct portions of the burned area: the main body to the west and a secondary section to the east. Because the fire's perimeter did not expand after the first day—thanks to a change in the weather and extensive and tireless suppression efforts by local fire crews and the water district—the map indicates that embers from the main fire lofted over the ridge line and several homes during the initial wind event. These embers landed to the east, creating a separate spot fire that continued burning eastward, driven by prevailing winds. There has been no fire growth since Tuesday June 16.

Last night, crews reported minor interior smoldering. Firefighters used hand-held infrared heat detectors to locate lingering embers near structures to the northeast. They mapped these hot spots electronically to guide the incoming day shift. Utility companies also confirmed that all local power has been fully restored.

Today's operational focus remains on protecting structures and other values at risk. Today's work involves identifying smoldering fuels, dousing them with water from hose lays, and using shovels to turn over hot soil and embers until they are completely cooled (called mop-up). Spokane County Fire District 9 and state mobilization resources continue supporting suppression efforts.

Evacuations: Level 3 (go now) and Level 2 (get ready) evacuations remain in place in areas closest to the fire perimeter. Fire officials and emergency managers reevaluate evacuation levels daily. Evacuation notices are issued by Spokane County Emergency Management and Spokane Regional Emergency Communications (SREC). To check the evacuation status of your home please visit the interactive evacuation map located on the SREC website: <https://srec911.maps.arcgis.com/.../lookup/index.html...> The evacuation center was closed on June 18 due to reduction in evacuation levels to the current condition.

Community Connect Public Information Opportunities: To provide the most accurate information, local fire officials and information officers will be staffing two more days of information sharing and local resources at Pasadena Park Church of the Nazarene (8822 E Upriver Drive, Spokane Valley) on Friday and Saturday, June 19 and 20 from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. Information available will include: Upriver Fire information, recovery and disaster assistance, and other pertinent community services and resources. All are welcome.

Safety Message: In the case of a fire fighter of public emergency, medical personnel and equipment need to quickly access all roads and trails within the fire area. To allow for safe passage of emergency vehicles, the public and residents are requested to not block roads or trails at any time.

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