

# Upriver Fire Update

June 20, 2026

8:30 am

Fire Information Line: 509-509-6818



## Quick Facts

**Size:** 213 acres

**Start Date:** June 16, 2026

**Cause:** Human Caused

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

**Containment:** 60%

**Personnel:** 303

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

**Current Conditions:** All Level 3 evacuations have been lifted and evacuation levels have been reduced to Level 1 in affected areas. Fire activity remains minimal, containment continues to increase, and firefighters have transitioned from active suppression to mop-up and patrol operations. Yesterday, crews continued gridding operations (searching for remaining smoldering material) 300 feet into the interior of the fire perimeter. Crews continue to evaluate and mitigate post-fire hazards (smoldering stump holes and fire-weakened trees) within Camp Sekani and surrounding wooded areas. Crews also continued work around residential areas, checking duff, vegetation, and downed woody material for hidden heat sources. Spokane County Fire District 9 and state mobilization resources continue supporting suppression efforts.

**Today:** Operational efforts remain focused on protecting structures and other values at risk. Winds are expected to increase throughout the day while relative humidity remains low. Crews will continue to patrol and monitor the fire perimeter for any remaining hotspots that could become active. Residents may continue to see smoke from isolated areas within the interior of the fire; however, these areas are not expected to contribute to additional fire spread. Select engines and crews have been prioritized to provide rapid initial attack should any new fire starts occur within the surrounding areas.

As containment continues to increase throughout the day, crews will continue backhauling equipment from the fire perimeter and demobilizing resources. Resources will either return to their home units or be reassigned to other incidents within the region.

**Evacuations:** Evacuation levels have been reduced, with Level 1 (Be Ready) remaining in effect in portions of the fire area. Residents returning home should remain aware of post-fire hazards, including weakened trees, ash pits, damaged infrastructure, and the potential for isolated hotspots. 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 reduction in evacuation levels to the current condition.

**Community Connect Public Information Opportunities:** Local fire officials, agency representatives, and public information officers will continue staffing Community Connect events at Pasadena Park Church of the Nazarene (8822 E Upriver Drive, Spokane Valley) from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM today. Information available will include Upriver Fire updates, recovery and disaster assistance resources, and other community services. All community members are welcome.

**Safety Message:** To ensure safe passage for emergency vehicles, residents and visitors are asked not to block roads, gates, or trails at any time. **If you fly a drone, we cannot fly firefighting aircraft. Unauthorized drone activity may immediately impact aerial firefighting operations.**

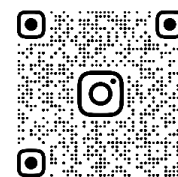
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