

Sinlahekin Fire Update

August 8, 2026 - 8:00 am



Quick Facts

Size: 126,940 acres

Start Date: July 26, 2026

Cause: Lightning/Natural

Containment: 28%

Personnel: 1,670

Location: 12 Miles W of Tonasket, WA

Situation: The fire remained active overnight, with unburned pockets of fuel continuing to burn well within the established perimeter. Fire behavior resembles late-season conditions, as fuels that would typically be unavailable for sustained spread are now actively burning several weeks ahead of schedule. Crews are reinforcing containment lines and conducting mop-up operations around structures. Individuals reentering the area should remain vigilant, as conditions can change rapidly and new evacuation orders may be issued with little notice.

Residents should continue to monitor updated information at: <https://perimetermap.com/okanogan-wa>

Weather: Red Flag Warning is in effect from 11 a.m. Friday to 11 p.m. Saturday. Dry conditions persist today with low humidity, gusty southwest winds, warm temperatures, and very dry fuels. A weak front this afternoon and evening will briefly increase west-southwest winds. Fire danger remains elevated but is expected to gradually ease next week.

Evacuations: Stay alert, follow official instructions, and stay ready for rapid changes.

For the current status of State Routes, visit wsdot.gov.

Conditions may change throughout the day. For the most current evacuation information, visit:

<https://perimetermap.com/okanogan-wa>

Safety Message: Critical fire-weather conditions continue, including low humidity, warm temperatures, and gusty winds, which may lead to rapid fire spread. Please keep vehicles clear of road closures, follow directions from law enforcement, and stay alert for rapid changes in fire behavior. Your awareness and quick action help keep you and your community safe.

Community Meeting: Saturday, August 8, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. we will be hosting an in-person community meeting at the Tonasket High School. (35 HS Route 20, Tonasket, WA) We will be hosting a virtual community meeting on Facebook Live tonight at 7:00. You can watch the meeting and ask questions on the Central Washington Fire Information Facebook page.

Fire Information Line: 509-287-4942 (call or text)

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