

Incident Update

Thursday, August 6, 2026



Spokane Area Fires

Old Trails Fire, Fairview Fire, Autumn Lane Fires

Quick Facts

Location:	Spokane and Stevens Counties
Start Date:	Saturday, August 1, 2026
Cause:	Under Investigation
Size in acres:	10,436 total acres
Percent contained:	Autumn Lane 13% Old Trails 13% Fairview 5%
Structures Damaged/Destroyed:	846

No movement of the Spokane Area Fires on Wednesday

CURRENT SITUATION:

Additional resources have arrived to assist with suppression of the Spokane Area Fires since Monday. Resources from over 20 states and 100 jurisdictions are now aiding the effort. Firefighters are continuing with aggressive mop-up operations to strengthen containment lines around all three fires ahead of critical fire weather expected later this week and weekend. Crews are also systematically extinguishing pockets of heat near homes and other structures to reduce the risk of additional damage. Firefighters maintained vigilant patrols to identify and eliminate any remaining hazards. Infrared flights identified heat in timber stringers on the Fairview fire, which crews worked to extinguish throughout the day.

Crews assigned to the Spokane Area Fires are also assisting local jurisdictions in initial attack coverage across the area. Over the past 24 hours, they responded quickly to a new 2-acre spot fire in the vicinity of the Autumn Lane Fire and successfully contained it before it could spread.

The remains of burned structures and vehicles can contain hazardous materials that are difficult to identify and pose a significant danger to first responders and the public. To address these hazards, Hazardous Materials Specialists will conduct comprehensive assessments within areas that remain under Level 3 (Go Now) evacuation orders. Another hidden hazard is the presence of ash pits created by burned stumps and other debris. These pits can conceal extremely hot coals and are easy to step into accidentally, potentially causing serious burns.

A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) remains in effect over the incident. Unauthorized drone incursions have decreased since Monday, however there were two drone incursions reported during the past 24 hours.

As additional resources continue to arrive and the incident expands, the need for larger accommodations has arisen. As a result, the incident command post has moved from Mt. Spokane High School to the Spokane County Fairgrounds on Thursday, August 6th.

WEATHER:

Temperatures are forecast to climb into the 90s while relative humidity drops into the low teens from Thursday through Saturday. Winds will increase, especially on ridges and benches with gusts possible through the weekend. These hot, dry, and windy conditions will elevate fire danger, and a Fire Weather Watch has been issued.

EVACUATIONS, SHELTERS, CLOSURES:

For current evacuation levels in Spokane County please visit:

<https://srec911.maps.arcgis.com/.../lookup/index.html...>

For current evacuation levels in Stevens County please visit:

<https://experience.arcgis.com/.../9cd2ea8b059b4c87939f834...>

An evacuation shelter is open for those affected by the Old Trails Fire at the Spokane Convention Center. It is located at 334 W. Spokane Falls Boulevard in Spokane, Washington. Parking at the shelter is free, and pets are welcome.

An animal shelter is open at the Spokane County Fairgrounds. The Fairgrounds has the RV grounds open as well for those with evacuated animals.

There is a Red Cross Shelter available for those evacuated in south Stevens County. It is located in Chewelah at Jenkins High School.

Disaster Assistance Center (DAC) at Shadle beginning tomorrow and continuing into the weekend: [Disaster Assistance Center will open Thursday, Aug. 6 at Shadle Park High School https://www.spokaneschools.org/article/3062632](https://www.spokaneschools.org/article/3062632)

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 Site: inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/wanes-spokane-area-fires

 Fire Information: 509-215-8236

 Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.