# North Central Washington - Pioneer and Easy Fires

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#### Fire

The Easy Fire is 1,771 acres and 0% contained, and the Pioneer Fire is 37,164 acres and 13% contained. Both fires may experience showers and thunderstorms with heavy rain and gusty winds that affect fire behavior. Each fire has areas with heavy fuels continuing to burn out and both have potential for uphill fire runs where fuel, wind, and slope align. For updates, visit Inciweb Pioneer Fire and Inciweb Easy Fire.

#### **Smoke**

The Stehekin Valley continues to be impacted by smoke settling into the area from the Pioneer and Easy fires, with air quality at Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups for most of the day. Smoke settling overnight in the Chelan and Manson areas degraded air quality to Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups in the morning, which should improve in the afternoon with forecasted strong downlake winds. Communities in the Okanogan Valley should have Good air quality today while those in the Methow Valley should see a light haze for most of the day. Communities around Newhalem are experiencing Moderate air quality overall as smoke from the Easy Fire settles down-drainage into these low-lying areas.

## **State Department of Ecology**

Data from the Winthrop monitor can be viewed here.



Daily AQI Forecast\* for Saturday



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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

Fire & Smoke Map -- https://fire.airnow.gov/ WA DOE Smoke Monitor Data -- https://enviwa.ecology.wa.gov/mobile/ WA Smoke Blog -- https://wasmoke.blogspot.com/ WA Dept of Health - Smoke from fires -- http://www.doh.wa.gov/smokefromfires

