

**Importance:** High

There are currently **6** large wildfires in Region 1.

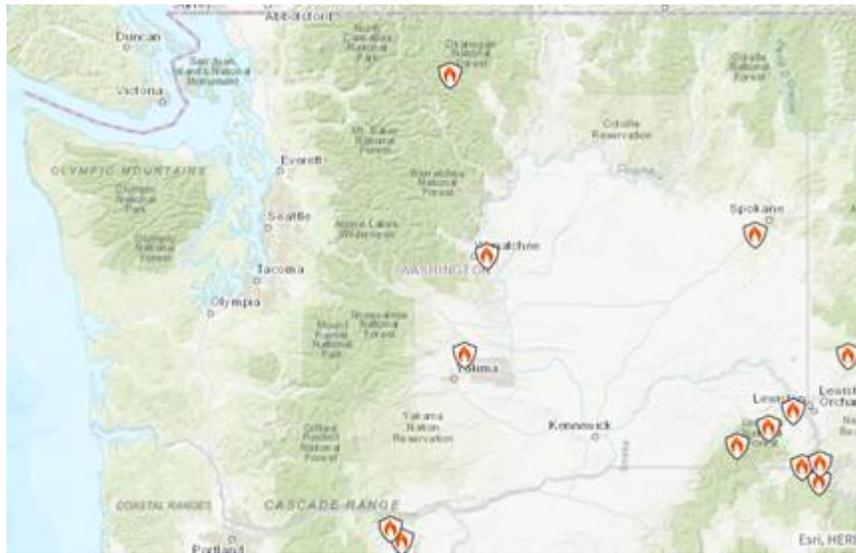
**Impacts to staff, clients, offices, or service deliveries:**

- **Stevens County:**
  - Smoke is possibly coming from Canada wildfires, but not having an impact on staff or clients.
  
- **Okanogan County:**
  - The Cheweah wildfire is close to Nespelem, which is under a level 3 (get out now) evacuation notice, including the Colville Tribal Convalescent Center. All 28 residents have been evacuated and transitioned to the Coulee House Inn & Suites, 110 Roosevelt Way, Grand Coulee, WA 99116. SR 155 is open for people to evacuate from the fires. There are power outages and down phones in the area, according to DNR. Tribal AAA is not working out of the Nespelem office, but Omak contacts are available.
  - Air quality in Omak is currently unhealthy for sensitive groups and generally gets worse in the afternoons. This smoke is largely due to the wildfires in Canada.
  - Hwy 20 (North Cascades Highway) is closed in both directions, staff will need to take Snoqualmie or Stevens if traveling cross-state; Snoqualmie is the typical route anyway.
  - Okanogan County is also currently under a fire weather watch tomorrow afternoon through Thursday night due to forecasted increased winds and low humidity.
  
- **Asotin & Walla Walla Counties:**

2 clients in Asotin and 9 clients in Pomeroy, but families are monitoring and know to evacuate if needed. Some smoky haze in Asotin & Walla Walla, but not at offices.
  
- No other impacts to staff, clients, offices, or service deliveries have been reported.

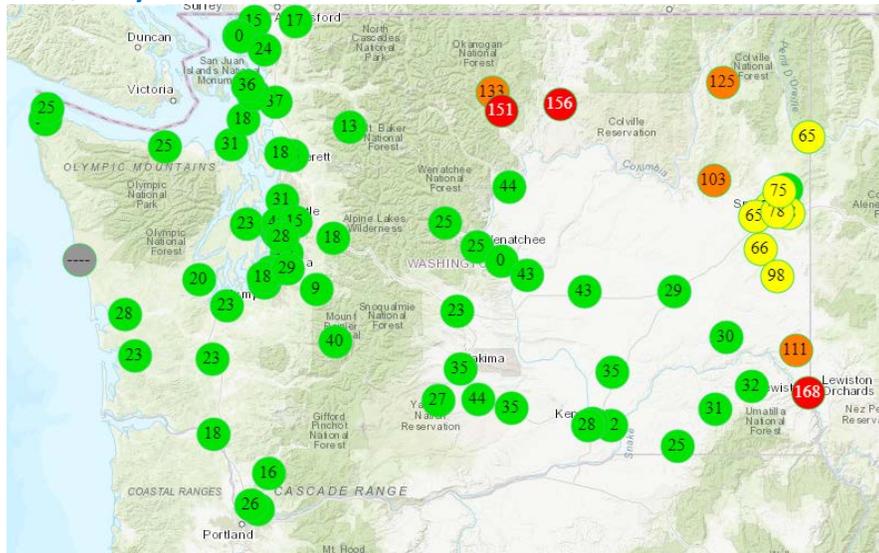
Air quality is **good** in Western Washington and most Southern and Western parts of Eastern Washington. It is **unhealthy** in Clarkston, Pullman, Omak-Colville Tribe, and Twisp. Clarkston has deployed the air scrubbers due to smoke in the air quality in the valley. Air scrubbers are available for deployment when needed. Air quality is **unhealthy for sensitive groups** in Winthrop, Colville, Wellpinit and Rosalia. It is **moderate** in Newport, Colbert, Spokane, Spokane Valley, Airway Heights and Cheney.

### InciWeb Fire Map

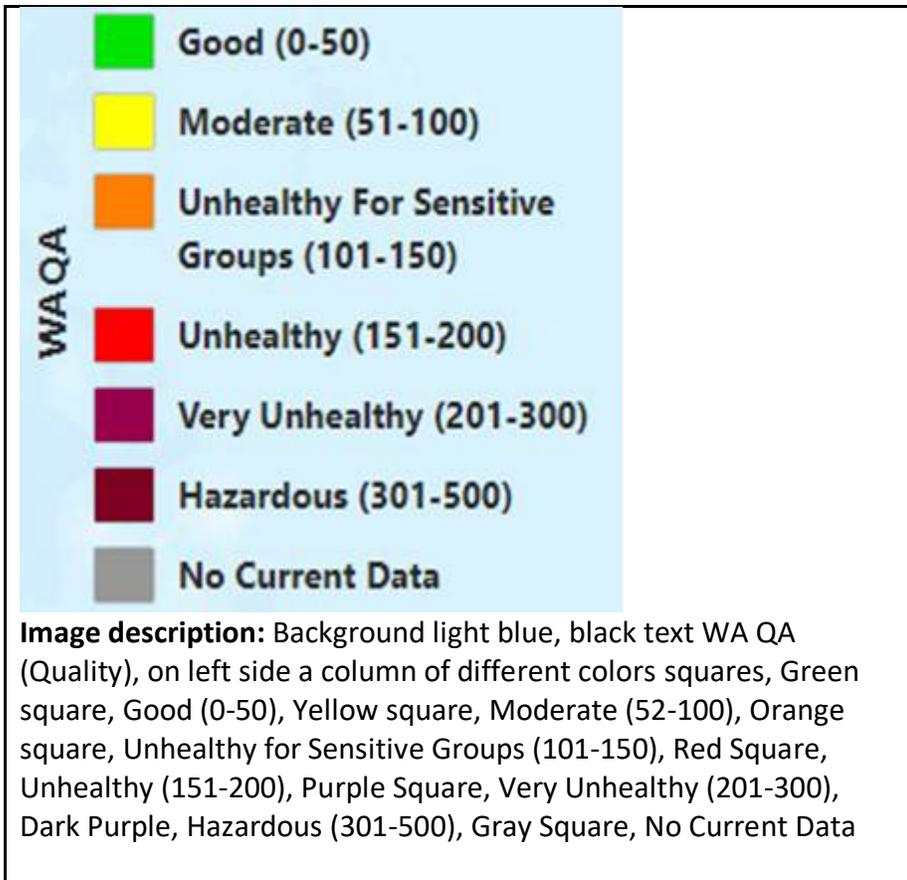


**Image Description:** A map of Washington State showing mostly Western and Central part of the state with 5 markers with a fire symbol close to the areas of Winthrop, Wenatchee, Yakima, Spokane and Clarkston.

### Air Quality



**Image Description:** A map of Washington State showing green dots meaning good air quality, red (unhealthy), yellow (moderate), and orange (unhealthy for sensitive groups) dots with numbers inside. All green dots located in Western and middle of Washington State, Orange and red on the top while yellow dots are on the far-right side of the state. A red and orange dot located on the bottom right corner of the state.



National Weather Service



Last Map Update: Tue, Jul. 13, 2021 at 8:17:31 am PDT

**Image description:** A map showing Washington State counties in the northern central part of Washington State. On the left corner is white with black dot, back text Winthrop, next to it shows orange meaning heat advisory in Republic, Colville, Omak, Chelan, Coulee Dam, Spokane, Wenatchee, Ellensburg, Yakima, Pacso, Moses Lake, Ritzille, Connell, Walla Walla, Pullman, Lewistown, and Rosalis. Then yellow mean hazardous weather outlook in Sandpoint. On the right, gray means air quality alert in Libby, Orodino and Grangeville, ID.

## Updates from the Northwest Coordination Center (NWCC):

Date/Time Stamp: Tuesday, July 13, 2021, 07:16

### Northwest Incident Activity

#### New Fires and Acres

Initial attack activity: Light

16 fires for 316 acres

OR: 7 fires for 189 acres

WA: 9 fires for 128 acres

#### Large Fire Summary

New large incidents: 3

Reported incidents: 10 (OR: 6, WA: 4)

90,949 acres growth on existing incidents

### Northwest Activity Summary

Mostly clear skies with dense regional haze and above average temperatures with low relative humidities occurred across much of the geographic area. Afternoon dry thunderstorms developed over northern Washington with isolated precipitation accompanying lightning. Initial attack activity was light however activity prompted an increase in mobilization. Large fires showed significant growth. An ODF IMT1 and OSFM team each mobilized to the Grandview fire in central Oregon, and two IMT2 orders have been placed, one the Bruler fire near Detroit, OR and the other for the Chuweah Creek Fire near Grand Coulee, WA.

### Northwest Fire Weather Summary

The Pacific Northwest will stay hot and dry into the middle of this week with poor to moderate overnight relative humidity recoveries on the east side of the region. Breezy winds are expected each afternoon through Cascade gaps and to the east. A broad upper level trough will approach Wednesday, bringing breezy to windy conditions through Cascade gaps and across the east side basins Wednesday and Thursday. The system will also reduce temperatures toward seasonal normals into the weekend. No precipitation is expected with the system. See your NWS forecasts for the latest fire weather details for your area.

### Northwest Fire Potential Summary

With fire danger above average in most areas, hot, dry and breezy conditions will maintain elevated potential for new significant fire development east of the Cascades and in southwestern Oregon. Potential could moderate some toward the end of the week if cooler weather arrives as anticipated.

More info, see [NW 7-Day Significant Fire Potential Forecast](#).

## Incidents NOT Previously Reported: 1

### Chuweah Creek Wildfire

15 mi N of Grand Coulee, WA. Start 7/12. Cause: Unknown. 100 acres. 0% containment. Timber.

[Fire Update by InciWeb – hrs. ago](#)

KREM Reports – SR 155 is open for people to evacuate from the fires. There are power outages and down phones in the area, according to DNR.

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NESPELEM, Wash. — **Three fires burning in Okanogan County** have prompted **Level 3 evacuations** for Nespelem and surrounding areas. Resources from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will arrive to help with the fire on Tuesday morning.

**Level 3 evacuations** are in place for the town of Nespelem, the Colville Indian Agency and residents at Owhi Flats along Cache Creek Road. Level 3 evacuations mean residents need to evacuate now.

Two of the fires are located near Nespelem, Washington, and another is in the Inchelium District. The largest fire burning is the **Chuweah Creek Fire**. According to DNR, the fire has burned more than 1,000 acres so far. Several structures are threatened, including homes, tribal facilities and outbuildings.

The **Joe Moses Road Fire** was reported at 7:15 p.m. on Monday and is estimated at 40 acres. Level 2 evacuations are in place for residents along Joe Moses Road, according to [Mt. Tolman Fire Center](#).

The **Frosty Meadows/Friedlander Fire** is located within the Inchelium District and has burned one to 1.5 acres. The Hellgame Game Reserve and archaeological sites are threatened.

Mt. Tolman Fire Center said the fires were started by lightning.

SR 155 is open to evacuate from the fires. The Red Cross has set up a shelter at Coulee Dam High School's main gym. There is also an evacuation center at the Nespelem Community Center at Schoolhouse Loop Road.

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## Incidents Previously Reported: **5**

### **Green Ridge Wildfire**

30 mi E of Walla Walla, WA. Start 7/7. Full Suppression. Cause: Lightning. **338 acres (+163).** **10% containment.** Active fire behavior. Timber and grass. Road, trail and area closures.

[Fire Update by InciWeb – 2 hrs. ago](#)

Firefighters continue battling the Green Ridge Fire burning on the Pomeroy Ranger District, approximately 30 miles east of Walla Walla, Washington. The 228-acre **Green Ridge Fire** is comprised of two wildfires burning in steep, rugged terrain, consisting of mostly timber, grass

and shrubs. Values at risk include structures in the area. Yesterday's fire behavior consisted of active upslope runs, spotting and torching. Steep ground with rolling rocks and burning material is adding to fire growth and containment difficulties. The Turkey Tail Fire was the most active yesterday and spread into Turkey Creek. Firefighters completed line construction on the eastern side of Turkey Tail and continued preparing indirect lines as contingency lines on the southern end of the fire. Crews also installed hose lay to conduct mop up and cool hot spots adjacent to areas where line construction had been completed. Firefighters also completed the structure protection work around Godman Guard Station and the Turkey Tail Recreation Residents tract. The Green Ridge Fire was less active yesterday and has containment lines around 50% of the fire.

Today, where containment line has been established, firefighters will strengthen these containment lines by using hose lay to mop up and cool hot spots adjacent to the line construction. Crews will be conducting a burn out operation on the southern edge of the Turkey Tail Fire to secure that edge of the fire. Where terrain and fuels allow crews to safely engage, firefighters will also continue building containments lines on the northern edge of Turkey Tail. Current resources on scene include ten hand crews, six engines, three water tenders and one dozer. Additional resources are on order.

Additional information about the Green Ridge Fire is available at: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7628/>.

The Umatilla National Forest implemented an area and road closure across the entire Pomeroy Ranger District yesterday. Additional information about this closure is available on the Forest website.

Fire officials want to remind everyone that the current fire danger rating is **EXTREME** and public use restrictions involving chainsaw use, smoking and off-road travel are in effect.

For more information regarding Restrictions, please contact:

**Umatilla National Forest:**

Information Hotline: Toll-Free (877) 958-9663

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## Varden Wildfire

5 mi southwest of Mazama, WA. Start 7/11. Monitor/Confine/Full Suppression. Cause: Lightning. **1,000 acres (+400). 0% containment.** Moderate fire behavior. Timber.

[Fire Update by InciWeb – 22 hrs. ago](#)

Winthrop, WA (July 12, 2021) — Fire activity has increased on the Varden Fire located approximately 7 miles west of Mazama, WA., on the south side of Highway 20 and is estimated at over 700 acres. As of Monday, June 12 at 10 am--State Route 20 North Cascades Highway is closed to all traffic due to fire activity between milepost 170 and 177 is closed approximately 20 miles west of Winthrop between Silver Star and Early Winters. There is no estimated time for reopening of the road.

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## Cedar Creek Wildfire

5 mi southwest of Mazama, WA. Start 7/8. Full Suppression. Cause: Lightning. 175 acres (+100). 0% containment. Moderate fire behavior. Timber. Transfer of command to IMT2, NW Team 8 (Stock) occurred today at 0600.

[Fire Update by InciWeb – 3 hrs. ago](#)

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## Burbank Wildfire

8 mi northeast of Yakima, WA. Start 7/10. Full Suppression. Cause: Unknown. 13,000 acres (+7,000). 50% contained. Extreme fire behavior. Grass and brush. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect. Road, trail and area closures.

[Fire Update by InciWeb – 2 hrs. ago](#)

**Summary:** Southeast WA Type 3 Incident Management Team has assumed command of the response to the Burbank fire, located 8 miles NW of Yakima, WA, and is working with the Yakima Training Center Emergency Operation Center. The fire started by I-82 milepost 18 in the Burbank Creek area on Saturday, July 10th. At 5:40p.m., the fire spread eastward into the Yakima Training Center. The cause is under investigation.

**Yesterday:** Crews reinforced containment lines west of Fred G Redmon bridge and northward along I-82 to the crest of South Umptanum Ridge. Burnout operations along I-82 and the westbound Selah Creek Rest Area successfully secured containment lines by eliminating remaining unburned fuels. Along the eastern and southern perimeter, resources focused on mop up and further securing containment lines.

**Today:** Crews are mopping up along the entire perimeter of the fire. They are also “rehabilitating” dozer line: pushing turned-over dirt and sod back onto the ground a dozer pulled them from in order to prevent leaving a ditch and causing erosion. This process happens after the dozer line has done its job containing the fire, when the burned ground close to the line is cold. Many fireline resources will be released from this fire today as they are no longer needed on this fire.

**Evacuations:** Yakima Valley Emergency Management is issuing information on evacuations.

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## Lick Creek (Dry Gulch) Wildfire

[Fire Update by InciWeb – 2 hrs. ago](#)

2 mi SW of Asotin, WA. Start 7/7. Full Suppression. Cause: Lightning. 58,011 acres 20% containment. Extreme fire behavior. Grass and brush. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect. Road closures. Reduction in acres due to better mapping.

**The name of the incident has changed to Lick Creek Fire.**

**Public Fire Briefing Tonight 7:00 pm at the Pomeroy High School.**

**Current Situation:** Yesterday firefighters continued suppression efforts on the Lick Creek Fire. The East and West flanks are holding within the containment lines constructed over the last few days and fire crews were able to burn out vegetation extending and reinforcing those containment lines to the south. The smoke cleared enough during the day to allow aviation resources to drop water and retardant in preparation for burnout operations. Yesterday dozers were used to create fuel breaks around the Clearwater cabins, and line preparation continued along FS Road 43 to the Wickiup Campground. On the north end of the fire, where there has been no recent growth, crews continued to patrol and mop up.

**Today's Activities:** Fire behavior moderated yesterday although activity did pick up overnight in the southern portion of the fire. Today, and into this evening, the fire is expected to continue moving along the surface in timber primarily towards the South and West. Firefighters will continue preparing and reinforcing containment line on the east and west flanks, focusing on limiting the southern spread of the fire. Air operations will continue to support these efforts, as visibility allows. Crews will continue patrolling the north edge of the fire.

**Weather and Smoke Info:** Hot and very dry weather continues, with relative humidity below 20%. Northwest winds that started around midnight will change to north-northwest in the morning and weaken in the afternoon. Smoke Information is available on the Washington Smoke Blog at: <https://wasmoke.blogspot.com/>

**Evacuations:** Evacuation zones, and fire perimeter maps are posted on Inciweb at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7615>. The Red Cross shelter in Clarkston has moved to Echo Hills Church 3215 Echo Hills Dr. in Lewiston, ID. The shelter telephone number is 509-508-1299.

**Closures:** All Forest Service lands, roads, and trails within the Pomeroy Ranger of the Umatilla National Forest are closed. For more information visit the Umatilla National Forest website at [www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/fseprd931174.pdf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd931174.pdf).

**ADDITIONAL FIRE INFORMATION:**

Fire Information: 509-780-6238

Inciweb: [inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7615/](https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7615/)

**Related Information (pdf):** [http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/photos/ORUMF/2021-07-07-1953-Lick-Creek/related\\_files/pict20210613-103235-0.pdf](http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/photos/ORUMF/2021-07-07-1953-Lick-Creek/related_files/pict20210613-103235-0.pdf)

[July 13 2021 Asotin and Garfield Counties Evacuation Map](#)



**Image Description:** A map showing the counties of Asotin and Garfield Evacuation Map. On the lower right green mean level 1, in the middle, red means level 3, and on the left yellow means level 2.