

Pomas Fire Update

Saturday, August 2, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.



Email: 2025.pomas@firenet.gov

Fire Information: 509-219-9543

Inciweb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/waowf-pomas-fire-2025>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pomasfire2025>

Size: 3,461 acres

Incident Start Date: June 13, 2025

Location: 36 miles northwest of Entiat

Cause: Lightning

Fuels: Grass, shrubs, timber, and heavy dead and downed logs

Resources: 11 crews 15 engines 5 helicopters 3 dozers 18 water tenders Total personnel: 752

Future updates will occur less frequently unless fire activity or conditions change.

Firefighters are facing rugged, roadless terrain that presents significant access and suppression challenges. More than 700 firefighters and support personnel are actively engaged in a full suppression strategy, working to contain the fire's spread and protect critical values at risk in Holden Village, Lucerne, and the Entiat and Chiwawa River drainages. Protecting firefighter and public safety remains the top priority on the incident.

With fire activity increasing across the region, some crews are being sent elsewhere to support emerging incidents that pose more immediate threats. On the Pomas Fire, this shift in resources reflects the steady progress being made toward achieving the incident objectives. Essential resources will remain in place to complete work in priority areas, including finishing the shaded fuel break along the Chiwawa River Road.

Current Situation: Rainfall amounts varied widely across the fire area yesterday. Entiat Meadows received up to half an inch of precipitation, creating slick conditions and safety concerns for crews working near the fire's edge. Overall fire behavior remained low across the incident. Despite the rain, the potential for future fire spread remains, especially in areas with dense tree canopy or heavy downed logs that prevent moisture from reaching deep-seated hotspots. Aviation resources assisted in initial attack of newly discovered lightning caused fires to the north in Okanogan County.

Today, crews continued strategic fuel reduction efforts along the Chiwawa River Road. Work includes brushing, felling trees, mastication, chipping and hauling woody debris. Trucks removing material from this shaded fuel break are returning with gravel for ongoing road repair. Resources remain available to support initial attack efforts across the region as needed.

Evacuations: A Level 1 Fire Advisory remains in effect for Holden Village, including the Rio Tinto Mine water treatment plant; this advisory does not include Lucerne.

Closures: The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest has a [closure](#) order in effect. Many alternatives for recreation are still open outside the closure area. The fire remains 12 air miles from the Pacific Crest Trail and currently poses no threat to that trail. There is a [Temporary Flight Restriction](#) (TFR) in place over the fire. Unauthorized drone activity is prohibited under the TFR, as helicopters and aircraft cannot fly when drones are present.

Weather: Today will be mostly clear with high temperatures reaching in the low 80s. Stable weather will continue over the weekend into Monday when a weather disturbance is forecast to move in, delivering light precipitation and below normal temperatures.

Safety: Fire danger remains very high. To avoid making the spark that starts the next wildfire, respect current fire restrictions and avoid ignition sources. Current fire restriction information within the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest can be found at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r06/okanogan-wenatchee/alerts>

