



Ptarmigan Fire Daily Update

August 1, 2026

Quick Facts

Size:13,151

Location: 25 miles NW of Mazama, WA

Resources Assigned: 4 type 2 crews, 2 Wildland Fire Modules, 4 Smokejumpers, 2 Engines, 5 water tenders, 1 Heavy Equipment Task Force

Personnel: 211

Cause: Lightning

Containment: 0%

Overview: The Ptarmigan fire is expected to experience a significant weather event Saturday and Sunday with sustained winds up to 20 miles per hour, and gusts to 35. Four smokejumpers remain at the Pasayten Airstrip to activate protection measures for historic cabins. The fire has remained north of Soda Creek and is expected to push toward the northeast.

Fire Behavior: Yesterday, the fire moved southward with uphill and wind-driven runs and crossed Lease Creek to the south. During most of the day, active movement was toward the northeast. Smokejumpers observed isolated torching of trees and backing fire.

Operations: Work to create a fuel break will continue near Yellowjacket Sno-Park reducing fuel along roads and previous fire lines. Crews will continue to work along Lost River road to establish a primary control line north of critical values. Road improvement on FS 5400 Harts Pass road has been completed. . Crews will work with agency resource advisors on the primary control line using machines and hand tools.

Firefighter and public safety are always highest priority. There are no immediate threats to structures.

Safety and Closures: There are multiple trail and road closures including Harts Pass Road (FS 5400) at Monument Creek Trailhead and the Pacific Crest Trail from its junction with W Fork Methow Trail #480. For further closure details visit the Forest alerts and information page:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/r06/okanogan-wenatchee/alerts>

Fire Weather: A RED FLAG WARNING is in effect from 11 am to 8 pm for high winds. Weather today mostly cloudy with a chance for light showers between 12:00 and 6:00 pm. Maximum temperatures 58 to 65°. Minimum overnight temperatures

Evacuations: There are no current evacuations in place for this fire. For more information on evacuations, please visit the Okanogan County Emergency Management page.

<https://www.okanogancounty.gov/1861/ACTIVE-INCIDENTS>

Ptarmigan Fire Information

InciWeb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/waowf-ptarmigan-fire>

Facebook: Ptarmigan Fire Information 2026: <https://www.facebook.com/ptarmiganfireinfo2026/>

Fire Information Line: 509-215-8214 **Hours:** 7 AM to 7 PM

Fire E-mail: 2026.ptarmigan@firenet.gov

Smoke Information Sources: <https://fire.airnow.gov/#10/48.4772/-120.1883>

Washington Smoke Blog: wasmoke.blogspot.com/

