

Ptarmigan Fire Daily Update

July 27, 2026



Quick Facts

Size: 2700 acres

Location: 25 miles NW of Mazama, WA

Resources Assigned: 4 Smokejumpers, 1 Type2 crew, 2 Water Tenders

Personnel: 41

Cause: Lightning

Containment: 0%

Smoke impacts to the valley yesterday were minimal with favorable winds blowing particulates out in the afternoon. Similar conditions are expected today as the fire has been moving to the north and east, toward the Canadian border.

Fire Behavior: The fire has been active, growing by an estimated 200 acres yesterday. It is burning moderately with short wind-driven and uphill runs. On the west and south boundaries, movement is slow backing through the Diamond Peak burn from 2017.

Operations: Smokejumpers at the Pasayten Airstrip will continue to work to protect the historic structures and bridges in the area. Smokejumpers will be inserted into the Hidden Lakes area to begin preparing cabins with structure wrap. In the front country, fire personnel will scout the Harts Pass area for potential structure protection.

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

Safety and Closures: Trail closures are in place for the trail system near the fire, including the Pacific Crest Trail and the Pacific Northwest Trail. The Harts Pass Road (FS 5400) has been closed at the Monument Creek Trailhead. For further closure details visit the Forest alerts and information page:

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

Fire Weather: Partly cloudy with smoke and haze. Maximum temperature is 63-68. Winds will be SE, 6-8 with gusts to 15 mph in the valleys and up to 20 mph on ridgetops in the afternoon. Overnight low temperatures will be around 45 degrees.

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/profile.php?id=61592571987624a>

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: <https://wasmoke.blogspot.com/>

