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Situation Report — 09/24/2026, 1600

(Next Situation Report will be distributed 10/01/2026, 1600)



Impacts: **Green** – Minimal | **Yellow** – Moderate **Red** – Significant | **Grey** - Unknown

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26-1349: 2026 FIRE SEASON ACTIVATION

FMAGs* YTD	Fire Mobilizations YTD	Preparedness Level^			Washington Active Large Fires	Northwest Active Large Fires
		National	Northwest	DNR		
9	42	3	3	2	11	17
Total WA Acres Burned YTD						
901,971 (last updated 09/14/2026)						

*Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG): A federal program managed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and WA EMD. It provides financial assistance to state, local, and Tribal governments to help mitigate, manage, and control active wildfires on forests or grasslands that threaten destruction constituting a major disaster.

^ Wildland Fire Preparedness Levels: Standardized increments of planning and organizational readiness that dictate how firefighting personnel, aircraft and equipment are distributed with levels designated from 1 (least fire activity, abundant resources) to 5 (high activity, scarce resources).



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CURRENT SNAPSHOT

SEOC Activation

State Emergency Operation Center

Level 2 - Partial Activation

County/Tribal EOC Activations

Chelan County

Partial Activation

Activated State ESFs and RSFs

ESFs 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 21, RSF 1, and Domestic Operations

The Emergency Support Functions (ESF) provide the structure for coordinating interagency support for incident response, while the Recovery Support Functions (RSF) provide the structure for coordinating interagency support for incident recovery. Each ESF and RSF Annex identifies the coordinator and the primary and support agencies relevant to the ESF/RSF. For more information, click here: [WA EMD ESF List](#)

Situation Update

There are currently **11** large wildfires burning in Washington. To date, 901,971 acres have burned across Washington.

Gale Watches in effect:

- Cape Shoalwater to Point Grenville — evening to evening, 9/24 and 9/25
- Central and East Entrance of the Strait of Juan De Fuca — morning until night, 9/25

Gale Warning in effect:

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Wind Advisory in effect across central and eastern Washington

The Public Assistance Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment team is reporting a final total of **\$133,741,048** in damages as a direct result of the 2026 wildfires for the incident period of 4/23 – 8/31.

SBA Administrative Declaration issued for the 7/04 – 7/10 Chelan Hills Fire in Douglas County on 9/22.

State IA Service Center open in Spokane County, Friday – Sunday until 10/30.



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LARGE WILDFIRE ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Active Large Fires reported by Northwest Coordination Center (NWCC) for Washington are included in this table. Large incidents are defined as fires which are 100+ acres in timber or 300+ acres in grass/brush.

Fire Name	Current Acreage	Change in Acres since Last Situation Report	% Contained	Homes/ Structures Destroyed	Total Personnel	Crews	Engines	Aircraft	Note
Little Giant	172,879	+43	81	40	796	5	21	5	Level 3 “Go Now!” Evacuation Notice Resources for the Little Giant and Sisi fires are shared.
Ptarmigan	25,166	0	73	0	2	0	0	0	WA/Canada Border
Paradise	9,656	0	86	0	28	N/A	3	N/A	WA/OR Border
Border 2	9,108	0	75	0	37	0	0	0	WA/Canada Border – Reflects acreage burned within the US
Sinlahekin	166,007	+2	93	31	439	7	3	0	
Luna	8,553	0	42	0	5	0	0	0	
High Lava	2,899	0	85	0	38	1	1	0	
Sisi	4,158	+250	15	0	796	5	21	5	Level 1 “Get Ready” Evacuation Notices Resources for the Little Giant and Sisi fires are shared.

Acreeage and containment data gathered from IMT daily reports (N/A) Data not available.	^ The Fire Service Resource Mobilization Plan is implemented to provide personnel, equipment, and other logistical resources when a wildland fire or other emergency exceeds the firefighting capacity of local jurisdictions.
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LARGE WILDFIRE ACTIVITY SUMMARY (CONT.)

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Fire Name	Current Acreage	Change in Acres since Last Situation Report	% Contained	Homes/ Structures Destroyed	Total Personnel	Crews	Engines	Aircraft	Note
Three Queens	9,551	-21	31	0	435	8	17	2	Level 3 “Go Now!” , Level 2 “Get Set” , and Level 1 “Get Ready” Evacuation Notices Resources for Three Queens, King, and Goat fires are shared.
Goat	815	0	85	0	435	8	17	2	Level 3 “Go Now!” Evacuation Notice Resources for Three Queens, King, and Goat fires are shared.
King	3,409	+74	19	0	435	8	17	2	Resources for Three Queens, King, and Goat fires are shared.

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FMAGs

Incident Name	Location	Start Date	End Date	FMAG Number
Upriver Fire	Spokane County	06/16/2026	06/26/2026	5638-FM-WA
Kaiser Canyon Fire	Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation and Okanogan County	07/16/2026	09/06/2026	5646-FM-WA
Signal Peak Fire	Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation	07/24/2026	08/31/2026	5649-FM-WA
Ransier Fire	Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation	07/26/2026	08/18/2026	5651-FM-WA
Modrite Fire	Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation and Ferry County	07/30/2026	-	5653-FM-WA
Old Trails Fire	Spokane County	08/01/2026	08/18/2026	5656-FM-WA
Sinlahekin Fire	Okanogan County	08/01/2026	-	5657-FM-WA
Fairview Fire	Spokane County	08/01/2026	08/15/2026	5658-FM-WA
Autumn Lane Fire	Spokane/Stevens Counties	08/01/2026	08/19/2026	5659-FM-WA



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ADDITIONAL RECOVERY EFFORTS STATEWIDE

Recovery

State IA Service Centers (formerly known as DACS)	Individual Assistance (IA)	Public Assistance (PA)	ESF 21 – Recovery
Spokane County SCOPE 12710 E Sprague Spokane Valley, WA 99216 Open: Fri-Sun 1000-1900 through 10/30/26	Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments (JPDA) were completed for Spokane, Stevens, Okanogan, and Benton Counties on 9/02 <u>Spokane County:</u> Homes Destroyed – 615 Homes with Major Damage – 4 Homes with Minor Damage – 14 Households Affected – 2,296 <u>Stevens County:</u> Homes Destroyed – 21 Households Affected – 227 <u>Okanogan County:</u> Homes Destroyed – 12 Homes with Minor Damage – 1 <u>Benton County:</u> Homes Destroyed – 1	The Public Assistance Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment team is reporting a final total of \$133,741,048 in damages as a direct result of the 2026 wildfires from 7/26 through 8/31 <i>PDA Phase I (Categories A/B)</i> Total: <u>\$120,526,141.00</u> <i>PDA Phase II (Categories C-G)</i> Total: <u>\$13,214,907.00</u> Grand Total: \$133,741,048.00	4 State IA Representatives local to Spokane are staffing the Spokane County SCOPE through 10/30 2 State IA Representatives are deployed to the Douglas County Service Center through 9/24 1 DNR employee deployed to Spokane as Field Representative with BAER Team, 9/08 — 9/25 - Douglas County's 7/4 — 7/10 fires have met the indicator(s) for an SBA Administrative. Request was signed by Governor Ferguson and sent to SBA on 9/18. The SBA Administrative Declaration was formally issued on 9/22



STATE INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE (IA) APPLICATIONS

State IA is financial support provided by the state to individuals affected by a disaster for temporary housing assistance and limited basic needs assistance.
Washington state IA program delivery is led by WA EMD in partnership with tribes and local jurisdictions.

CURRENT STATUS OF STATE IA APPLICATIONS AND PAYMENTS

Total Submitted Applications	Payments	Average Payment	Current Amount Paid to Approved Households
1,833	637	\$1,513	\$963,750

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR STATE IA

October 30, 2026*

*Final State IA application date was extended 60 days from the Governor's Proclamation Amendment signed on 8/31.

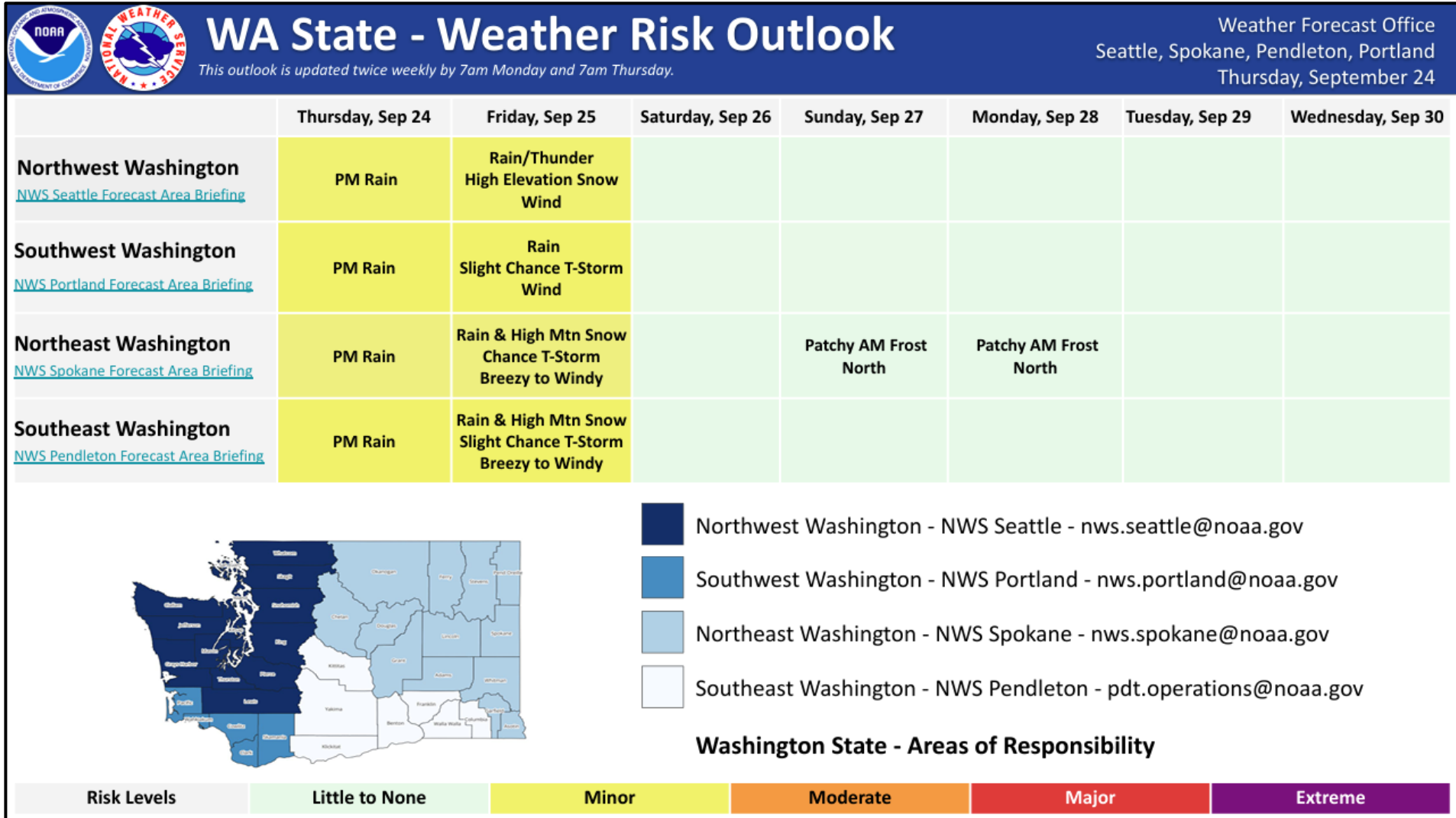
Eligible households can receive:

- \$750 for a one-person household
- \$1,500 for a household of two to four people
- \$2,250 for a household of five or more



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Updates Mondays and Thursdays from NWS Seattle*



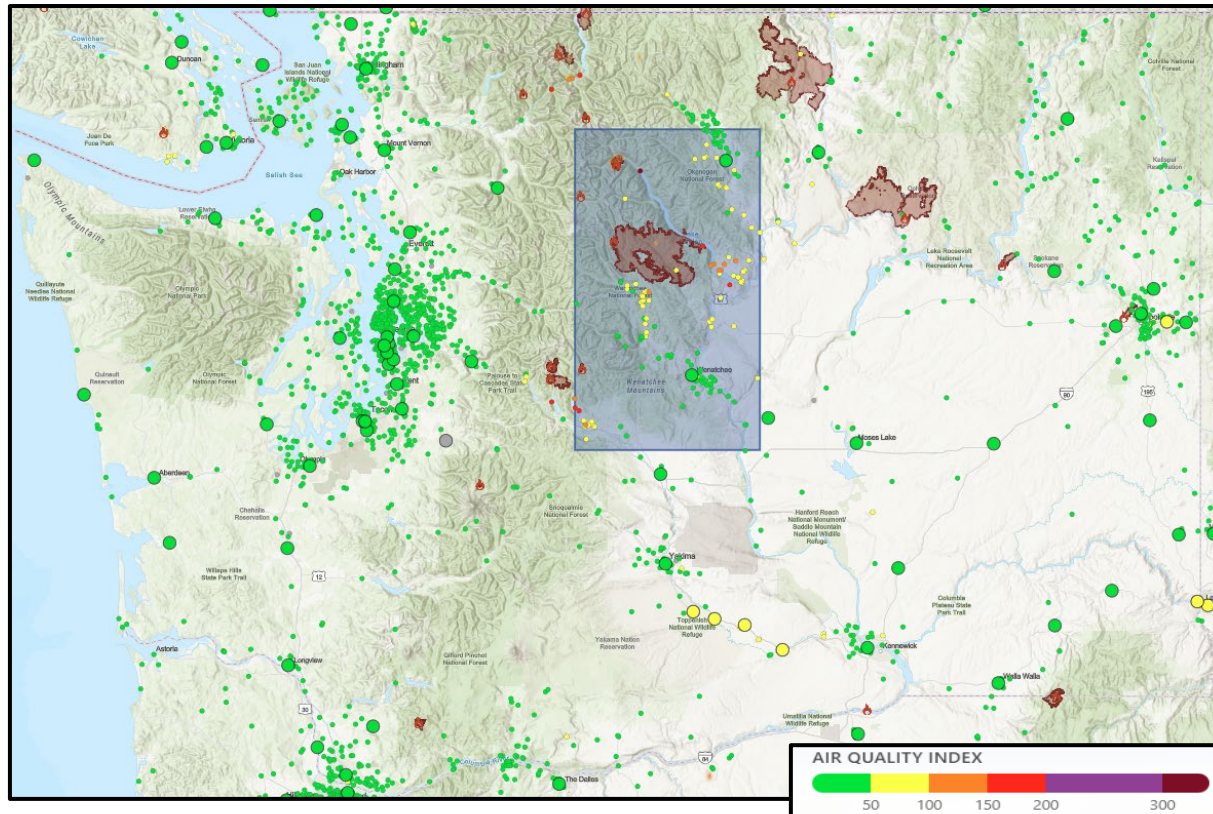
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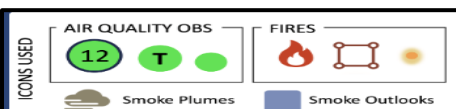
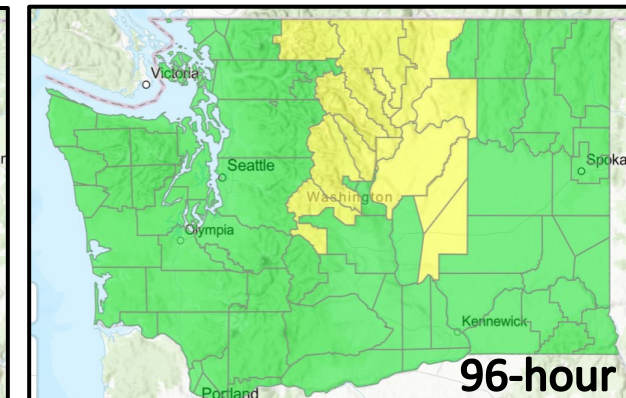
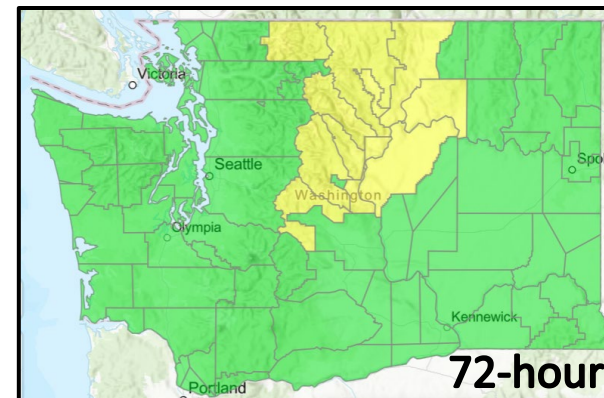
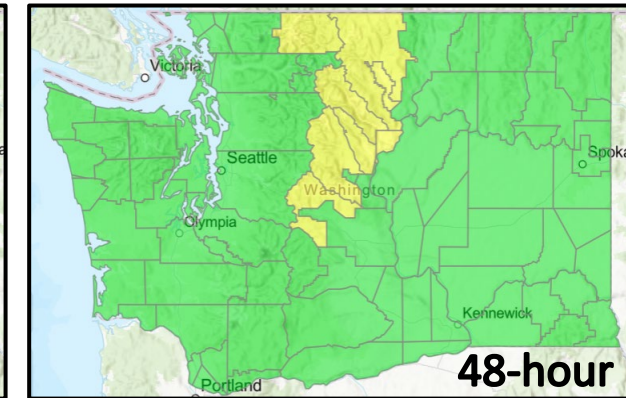
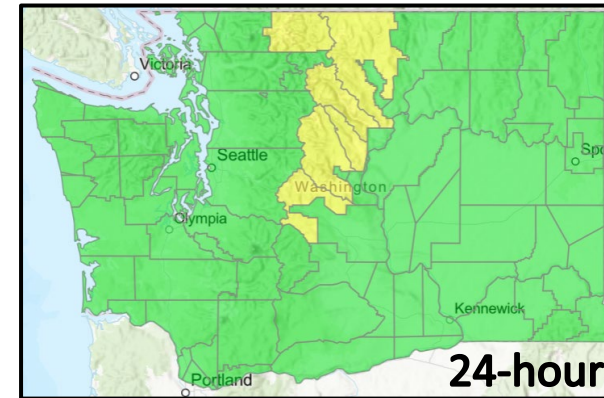


AIR QUALITY CONDITIONS

Current air quality conditions



Projected forecasts

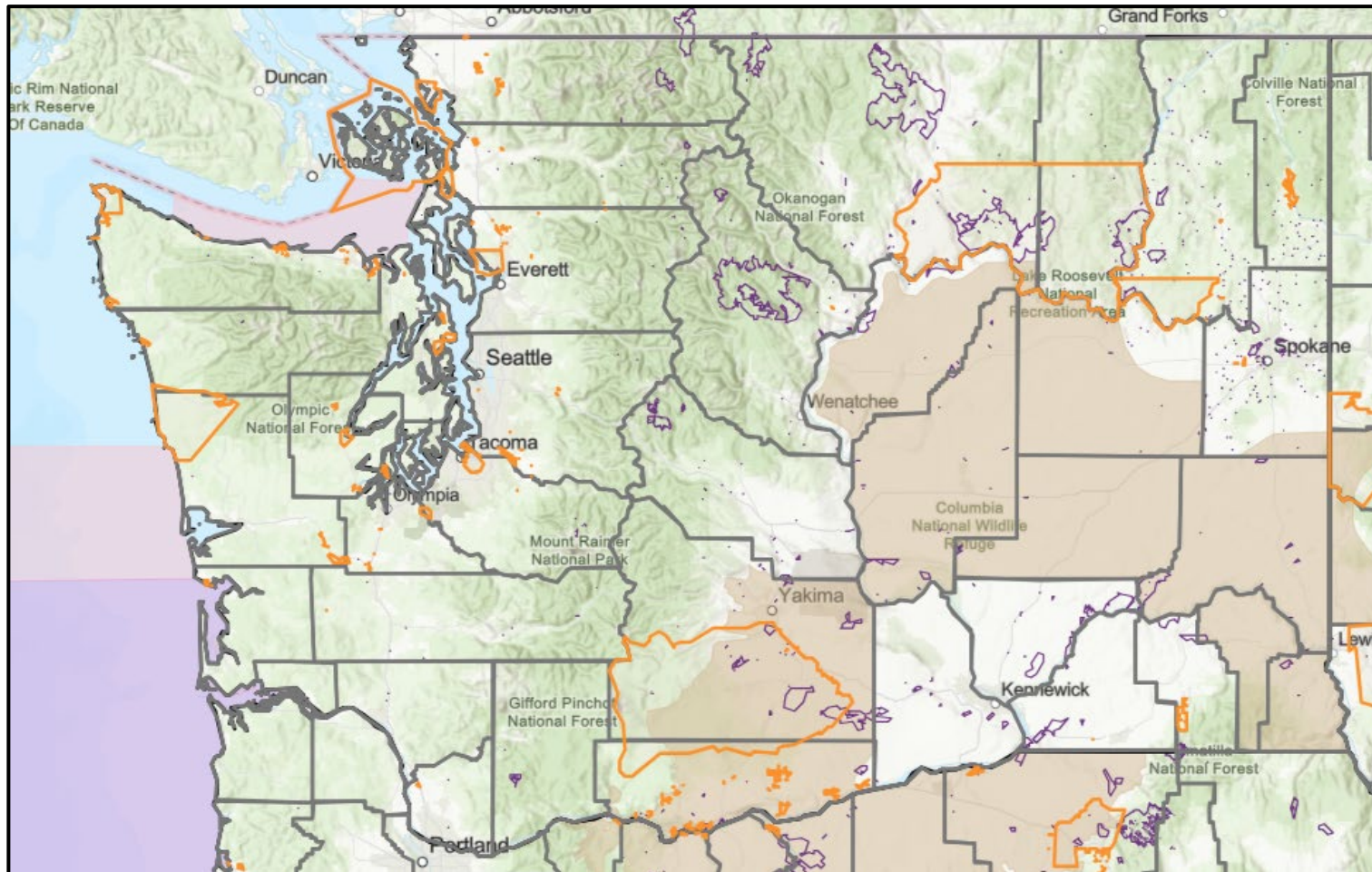


^ This map shows observed air quality conditions based on fine scale particulate (PM2.5) concentrations, as well as fire locations from incidents and satellite detections, and smoke plumes detected by satellites.

[Source: AirNow Current Conditions & Forecast Map](#)



ACTIVE WEATHER WATCHES AND WARNINGS



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- Wind Advisory
- Gale Warning
- Gale Watch

- Wildfire boundaries
- Tribal nation boundaries



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Pacific Northwest 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

Thursday, 9/24/2026



Predictive Service

Areas	ytd	Today	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
NW01								
NW02								
NW03								
NW04								
NW05								
NW06								
NW07								
NW08								
NW09								
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NW12								

Legend

Significant Fire Risk Levels

Low	The Overall Fire Environment suggests a very low risk for significant fires (less than 1% chance)
Moderate	The Overall Fire Environment suggests a moderate risk for significant fires (1 - 4% chance)
Elevated	The Overall Fire Environment suggests a moderately high risk for significant fires (5 - 19% chance)
High Risk	The risk for significant fire(s) is very high (≥ 20%) Triggers: 1. W (Significant Lightning) 2. BEN (Critical Burn Environment)

The assessment of Significant Fire risk considers three main factors including: **weather elements**, **number of ignitions**, and **background fire danger**.

Significant Fire risk is derived objectively via statistical methods that combine all three factors. **High Risk** levels ($\geq 20\%$ probability of a significant fire) are usually due to numerous fire starts from lightning. Human fires don't often result in a large fire probability above 20%.

Fire Weather: Southwest flow aloft today will bring breezy southwest winds and 10-15% minimum humidity over southern and southeast Oregon. A strong low-pressure system moves into the region tonight through Friday with widespread wetting rain over westside PSAs and the northern Washington mountains. Stronger winds can be expected tonight and Friday over much of the region, although humidity will increase on Friday. Thunderstorm potential extends across northwest Washington today, then in western PSAs and in Washington Friday. Temperatures drop to 10-15 degrees below normal Friday into the weekend with snow possible on the higher peaks of Washington and northern Oregon. Weak troughs move through the region this weekend into early next week, keeping temperatures below normal and the chance of showers at times over western Washington and northwest Oregon, along with breezy gap winds early next week.

Check NWS products for specific forecast details in your area.

Fire Potential: ERCs are at or above seasonal norms across the Geographic Area. Before precipitation arrives Thursday night, slope, fuels, and local wind alignment could support moderate fire behavior across the Region. Active fire behavior remains possible in southeast Oregon Thursday and Friday due to winds and low humidity. Fire activity is expected to drop significantly across the Cascades and northern Washington on Friday.

Fire Danger Trends:

https://gacc.nifc.gov/nwcc/content/products/fwx/WEB_NFDRS_graphics.php

Preparedness Level:

Northwest: 2
National: 2

