



**Smoke Outlook for 9/26 - 9/27**  
**Southern Sierra - Sequoia Windy Fire**  
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**Special Statement**

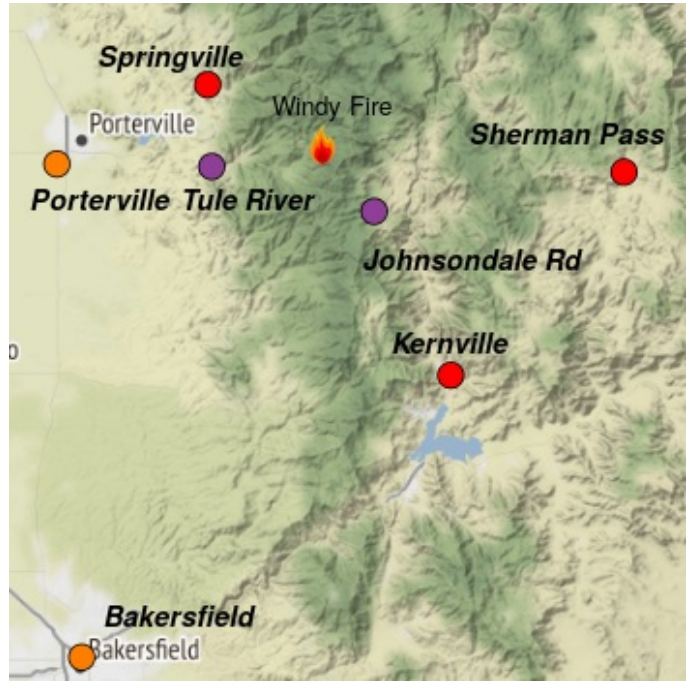
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's Air Quality Alert for San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Tulare, and the Valley portion of Kern Counties remains in effect through 11AM Monday, due to smoke impacts from ongoing wildfires.

**Fire**

Now over 78,428 acres with 2% containment, the Windy Fire continues to be active with a high resistance to control. Scattered heat remains throughout the middle of the fire area with intense heat along the perimeters, especially on the northeastern, northwestern, and southern edges. Growth continues in many areas, especially in the southern portion of the fire.

**Smoke**

A cold front will move through the region on Tuesday, bringing lower temperatures and breezy/gusty winds, which will help to clear out the smoke. Until then, poor air quality will prevail as shifting winds keep smoke and haze in the area. The inversion should dissipate around 2pm today, which will allow for better mixing and some improvements in air quality at ground level. Kernville, Tule River Reservation, Johnsondale, and Sherman Pass can all expect to see levels reaching V. Unhealthy and Hazardous. Any increase in fire activity may increase smoke production.



Daily AQI Forecast\* for Sep 26, 2021

Station	Yesterday hourly	Sat 9/25	Forecast* Comment for Today -- Sun, Sep 26	Sun 9/26	Mon 9/27
Springville			Moderate to Unhealthy levels expected, may see periods of V. Unhealthy		
Porterville			Moderate to Unhealthy levels expected, may see periods of V. Unhealthy		
Tule River			Very Unhealthy and Hazardous levels at times, improvements expected later in the day		
Sherman Pass			May see peaks of V. Unhealthy/Hazardous, other times will range from Good to Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups		
Johnsondale Rd	No hourly data		Very Unhealthy and Hazardous levels at times, improvements expected later in the day		
Bakersfield			May see peaks of Unhealthy, Good to Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups otherwise		
Kernville			Moderate to Unhealthy levels expected, may see periods of V. Unhealthy		

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Air Quality Index (AQI)	Actions to Protect Yourself
Good	None
Moderate	Unusually sensitive individuals should consider limiting prolonged or heavy exertion.
USG	People within Sensitive Groups* should <b>reduce</b> prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion.
Unhealthy	People within Sensitive Groups* should <b>avoid all</b> physical outdoor activity.
Very Unhealthy	Everyone should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion.
Hazardous	Everyone should avoid any outdoor activity.

**\*Disclaimer:** This forecast is based on fine particulates only; ozone is not included. Forecasts may be wrong; use at own risk. Use caution as conditions can change quickly. See your health professional as needed. Smoke sensitive groups should take appropriate precautions.

**Additional Links**

- California Smoke Blog -- <http://californiasmokeinfo.blogspot.com/>
- Fire and Smoke Map -- <https://fire.airnow.gov/>
- Inciweb - Windy Fire -- <https://inciweb.nwccg.gov/incident/7841/>



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