



Smoke Outlook for 9/28 - 9/29
Southern Sierra - Sequoia Windy Fire
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Special Statement

Ridgecrest has been added to the Outlook using data from a local Purple Air Sensor.

Fire

The Windy Fire is 87,318 acres and 4% contained. Fire behavior was moderate yesterday with growth mainly on the east and west sides and southwest and southeast corners. Intense heat remains in those areas with additional heat throughout the southern half of the fire. The perimeter of the fire will be wind tested today, but has been holding well for several days.

Smoke

Winds ahead of a trough of low pressure have already started to help move out some smoke, but as the trough passes through the region tonight into tomorrow morning, it will bring cooler temperatures and gusty winds. Haze and smoke will still linger, but communities can expect improvements in air quality. A warming and drying trend will begin tomorrow going into the weekend.

Health

Once air quality improves, it'll be a great opportunity to open your doors and windows to air out your home. Go outside and get errands done that you need to complete or get some exercise in. The clearing will be a short break before we go back to smoky conditions, so enjoy it while it lasts!



Daily AQI Forecast* for Sep 28, 2021

Station	Yesterday hourly	Mon 9/27	Forecast* Comment for Today -- Tue, Sep 28	Tue 9/28	Wed 9/29
Springville			Good and Moderate, may see periods of Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups.		
Porterville			Good and Moderate conditions today.		
Tule River			Good and Moderate, may see periods of Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups.		
Sherman Pass			Unhealthy levels at times improving later in the day.		
Johnsondale Rd	No hourly data		Unhealthy levels at times improving later in the day.		
Bakersfield			Good and Moderate conditions today.		
Ridgecrest	No hourly data		Good and Moderate, may see periods of Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups.		
Kernville			Good and Moderate conditions today.		

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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 reduce prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion.
Unhealthy	People within Sensitive Groups* should avoid all 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.nwcg.gov/incident/7841/>



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 Southern Sierra - Sequoia Current Outlook -- tools.airfire.org/outlooks/SouthernSierra-Sequoia
 *Smoke and Health Info -- www.airnow.gov/index.cfm?action=smoke.index